

**User's Guide
DSn/SONET
Operation**

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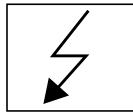
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About This Book

This book tells you how to select the features that you want to use for your test.

The selections available are presented in the following groups:

- Transmit and receive interfaces
- Test features, for example, the addition of errors and alarms to the test signal
- Measurements including test timing
- Storing, logging and printing results with general printer information
- Using instrument and disk storage
- Using the “Other” features.

The selections available will depend on the options fitted to your instrument. The examples given in this book cover all options and therefore may include selections which are not available on your instrument.

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Setting the Interfaces

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Setting the Interfaces

Setting DSn Transmit Interface

Description

DSn transmit interface settings should match network equipment settings of Rate, Termination and Line Code and determine the Payload to be tested.

TIP:

To set the Transmitter and Receiver to the same interface settings choose **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** **COUPLED**.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the required SIGNAL rate.
Rates of DS1, DS3, 2 Mb/s and 34 Mb/s are available.
- 2 If you have chosen 2 Mb/s as the SIGNAL rate, choose the required CLOCK SYNC source - internally generated or recovered from the received DSn signal.
If Jitter, Option 204, 205 or 206, is fitted and SIGNAL **2 Mb/s** is chosen a **2M REF** choice is added to the menu. This allows you to choose the synchronization source for the 2 Mb/s reference. The synchronization source is supplied from the SONET Clock module. It can be internally generated, derived from an external clock or recovered from the SONET received signal.

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Setting DSn Transmit Interface

- 3 If DS1 or DS3 is chosen, choose the required OUTPUT LEVEL.
- 4 If you have chosen 2 Mb/s as the SIGNAL rate, choose the required TERMINATION. (At all other signal rates the impedance is fixed).
- 5 If you have chosen 2 Mb/s or DS1 as the SIGNAL rate, choose the required LINE CODE. (At 34 Mb/s and DS3 coding is fixed).
- 6 If required, choose the FREQUENCY OFFSET value.
See "Adding Frequency Offset to the DSn Signal" page 33.
- 7 Choose the required PAYLOAD TYPE.
If **STRUCTURED** is required **FRAMED** must be chosen.
If **STRUCTURED** is chosen the DSn test signal must be set up. See "Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal" page 37.
If you have chosen 2 Mb/s, DS1 or DS3 as the DSn signal rate, the Framed choice is expanded to provide a menu of framing types.
- 8 Choose the PATTERN type and the PRBS POLARITY.

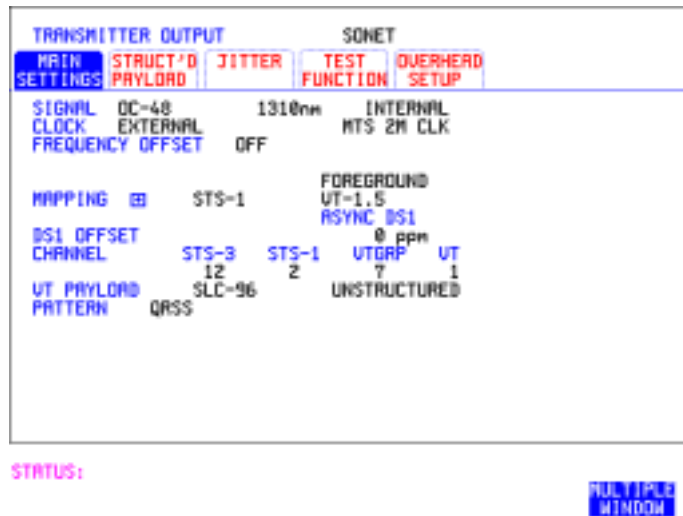
Setting SONET Transmit Interface

Description

SONET transmit interface settings should match the network equipment settings of Rate, Wavelength and Mapping, determine the payload to be tested and set background conditions to prevent alarms while testing.

TIP:

If you wish to set the HP 37718A transmitter and receiver to the same interface settings choose **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** **COUPLED**.



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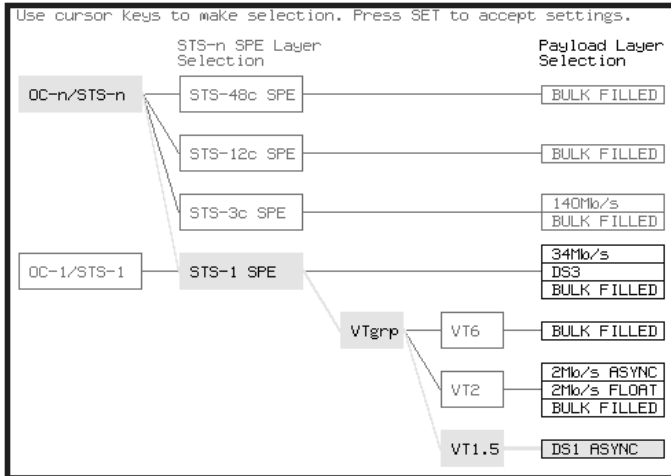
- 1 Make your choice of SIGNAL rate.
If Option 106, Dual Wavelength optical module, is fitted and an optical rate is chosen, choose the required wavelength (1550) or (1310).
If STS-1 is chosen, choose the required interface level.
Choose **INTERNAL** unless **THRU MODE** is required. If **THRU MODE** is chosen, see "Setting SONET THRU Mode " page 11.
- 2 Make your choice of CLOCK synchronization source. The RECEIVE clock synchronization choice depends on the SONET Receive Interface choice.
EXTERNAL allows a choice of MTS, BITS or 10 MHz clocks.
- 3 If required choose the FREQUENCY OFFSET value. See "Adding Frequency Offset to SONET Signal" page 31.

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Setting SONET Transmit Interface

- 4 Choose FOREGROUND **F/G MAPPING**, BACKGROUND **B/G MAPPING** MAPPING and type of payload.

Mapping may be selected from a pictorial display by moving the cursor to MAPPING and pressing **SET**.



Use **→** and **←** to move between STS Layer choice, VT Layer choice and Payload Layer choice. Use **↑** and **↓** to choose the mapping.

Use **SET** to confirm your choice and return to the **SONET MAIN SETTINGS** display.

- 5 If VT-6 mapping is chosen, VT CONCATENATION selection is enabled, choose **OFF** or the tributary at which the concatenation begins, VT6-2C through VT6-6C.
The BACKGROUND, PATTERN IN OTHER VT-6's is fixed at NUMBERED, that is, each VT-6 contains a unique number to allow identification in case of routing problems.
- 6 If required, choose DS1/2M/34M/DS3 OFFSET value. See "Adding Frequency Offset to SONET Signal" page 31
- 7 If FULL SPE, VT-6, VT-2 or VT-1.5 mapping is chosen, choose the test tributary CHANNEL, including the STS-3 for an OC-12/OC-48 signal.
- 8 Choose the payload framing under PAYLOAD TYPE or VT PAYLOAD.
If **STRUCTURED** is required **FRAMED** must be chosen.
If **STRUCTURED** is chosen, the Payload test signal must be set up. See "Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal" page 37.
If **INSERT** is chosen, see "Inserting an External DS_n Payload/Test Signal" page 43.

Setting the Interfaces

Setting SONET Transmit Interface

If you have chosen 2 Mb/s, DS1 or DS3 under Mapping, the Framed choice is expanded to provide a menu of framing types.

- 9 Choose the PATTERN type and PRBS polarity.

TRANSMITTER OUTPUT		SONET	
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD	JITTER	TEST FUNCTION OVERHEAD SETUP
SIGNAL	DC-48	1310nm	INTERNAL
CLOCK	EXTERNAL		MTS 2M CLK
FREQUENCY OFFSET	OFF		
BACKGROUND			
BACKGROUND STS-1's			UNEQUIPPED
PATTERN IN OTHER VT-1.5s			2*15-1 PRBS

STATUS:

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- 10 Choose the mapping required in the background (non-test) STS's.
- 11 If VT mapping is chosen for the test STS, choose the PATTERN IN OTHER VT's.

Setting Jitter Transmit Interface

Description:

You can add jitter to the transmitted DS_n or SONET signal at 2 Mb/s, 34 Mb/s, STS-3, OC-3, OC-12, and OC-48. You can source the jitter modulation internally or from an external source.

TRANSMITTER OUTPUT		SONET		
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD	JITTER	TEST FUNCTION	OVERHEAD SETUP
JITTER / WANDER		JITTER		
JITTER		ON		
SIGNAL FREQUENCY		2.5Gb/s		
MODULATION SOURCE		INTERNAL		
JITTER MASK		OFF		
CLOCK SYNC		2.5Gb/s OPT RX		
RANGE		800 UI		
MODULATION FREQUENCY		3210.000 Hz		
AMPLITUDE		20.0 UI		

STATUS:

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HOW TO:

- 1 If you are adding jitter to the DS_n signal, set up the DS_n transmit interface. See Chapter “Setting DS_n Transmit Interface”.
- 2 If you are adding jitter to the SONET signal, set up the SONET transmit interface. See “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4.
- 3 Choose JITTER/WANDER **JITTER**.
If you wish to add wander to the DS_n or SONET signal, See “Setting Wander Transmit Interface” page 9.
- 4 Choose JITTER **ON**.
If you wish to perform a Jitter Tolerance measurement, choose **AUTO TOLERANCE**. See “Measuring Jitter Tolerance” page 89.
If you wish to perform a Jitter Transfer measurement choose **TRANSFER FUNCTION**. See “Measuring Jitter Transfer” page 92.

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Setting Jitter Transmit Interface

- 5 Choose the modulation source.
If adding jitter to the DS_n signal and **EXTERNAL** is chosen, connect the external source to the MOD IN port of the DS_n Jitter TX module. Up to 10 UI of external jitter modulation can be added at the MOD IN port.
If adding jitter to the SDH signal and **EXTERNAL** is chosen, connect the external source to the MOD IN port of the SONET Clock module. Up to 20 UI of external jitter modulation can be added at the MOD IN port.
- 6 Choose the JITTER MASK setting required.
You can choose the jitter range, jitter modulating frequency and jitter amplitude if **OFF** is chosen.
If you choose **SWEPT**, the HP 37718A will "sweep" through the ITU-T jitter mask (G.823 for DS_n, G.958, G.825 or G.253 for SONET) adjusting the jitter amplitude according to the jitter frequency.
If you choose **SPOT**, you can choose the "spot" jitter frequency. The jitter amplitude is adjusted and controlled according to your jitter frequency choice.

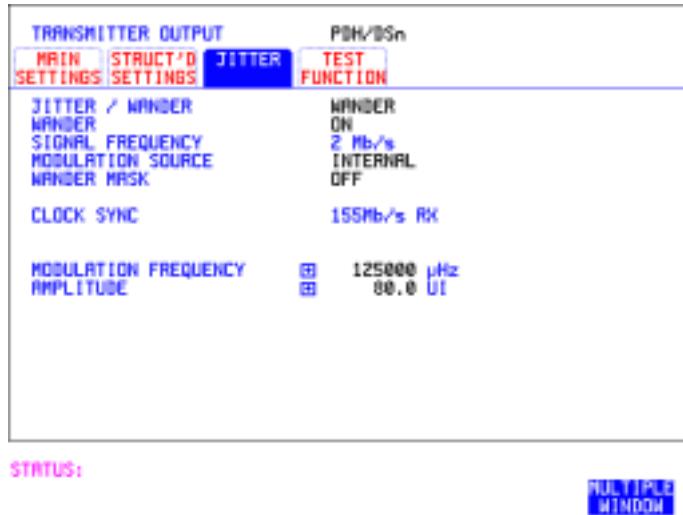
TIP:

If, when using the SWEPT MASK capability, a problem occurs around a certain frequency, this may require closer examination. Stop the sweep at that point by choosing **SPOT**. You can then control the "spot" jitter frequency to make closer examination of the problem.

Setting Wander Transmit Interface

Description:

You can add Wander to the 2 Mb/s DS_n signal and the STS-3, OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 SONET signal.



HOW TO:

DS_n Wander (2 Mb/s)

- 1 Connect REF OUT on the SONET Clock module to REF IN on the DS_n Jitter TX module (this provides the Wander Reference).
- 2 Set up the DS_n transmit interface, choose CLOCK SYNC **2M REF** and select the SOURCE required from the menu. See "Setting DS_n Transmit Interface" page 2.
- 3 Choose JITTER/WANDER **WANDER**.
If you wish to add jitter to the DS_n signal, See "Setting Jitter Transmit Interface" page 7.
- 4 Choose WANDER **ON**.
- 5 Choose the modulation source.
If **EXTERNAL** is chosen, connect the external source to the MOD IN port of the DS_n Jitter TX module. Up to 10 UI of external wander modulation can be added.

Setting the Interfaces

Setting Wander Transmit Interface

- 6 Choose the WANDER MASK setting required.
You can choose the wander modulating frequency and wander amplitude if **OFF** is chosen.
If you choose **SPOT**, you can choose the "spot" wander frequency. The wander amplitude is adjusted and controlled according to your wander frequency choice.

SONET Wander (STS-3, OC-3, OC-12, OC-48)

- 7 Set up the SONET transmit interface. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface" page 4.
- 8 Choose JITTER/WANDER **WANDER**.
If you wish to add jitter to the SONET signal, see "Setting Jitter Transmit Interface " page 7.
- 9 Choose WANDER **ON**.
- 10 Choose the WANDER MASK setting required.
You can choose the wander modulating frequency and wander amplitude if **OFF** is chosen.
If you choose **SPOT**, you can choose the "spot" wander frequency. The wander amplitude is adjusted and controlled according to your wander frequency choice.

Setting SONET THRU Mode

Description

THRU mode is used to non-intrusively monitor SONET lines where no protected monitor points are available.

As THRU mode locks some user settings, you must set SIGNAL RATE, STS rate, STS-1 SPE CHANNEL (if appropriate) before selecting THRU mode.

The entire frame can be errored at a user defined rate if PAYLOAD OVERWRITE and TOH+POH CHANNEL OVERWRITE are both set to **OFF**. If either overwrite is enabled the ENTIRE FRAME ERROR RATE function is disabled.

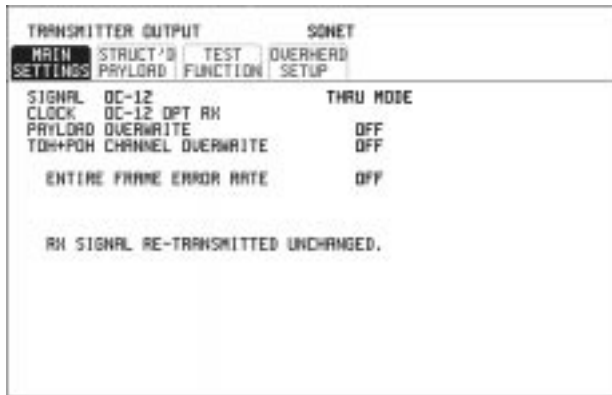
OC-1/STS-1, OC-3/STS-3

You can substitute a new payload, Section and Line Overhead (TOH) and Path overhead (POH) in the received OC-1/STS-1 or OC-3/STS-3 signal for testing.

OC-12, OC-48

The overhead and payload may be overwritten for STS-3c SPE and AU3. PAYLOAD OVERWRITE is not available for STS-12C or STS-48C.

TOH+POH CHANNEL overwrite is available for STS-12C and STS-48C.



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HOW TO:

- 1 Make the required SIGNAL RATE, MAPPING and CHANNEL choices on the SONET **TRANSMIT** and **RECEIVE** displays, See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4 and "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.

Setting the Interfaces

Setting SONET THRU Mode

- 2 Make the PAYLOAD OVERWRITE choice required.
If STS-3c SPE, STS-1 SPE, VT-6, VT-2 or VT-1.5 is chosen, the Section, Line and Path CVs are recalculated before transmission and the Mapping, Selected VT, VT Payload, Pattern, Tributary Offset and Pattern in other VT's settings are displayed. To choose the settings in these, See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4, steps 4 through 10.
- 3 Make the TOH+POH CHANNEL OVERWRITE choice required.
You can only modify those overhead bytes available under **TRANSMIT** **SONET TEST FUNCTION SONET**; Errors & Alarms, Sequences, Overhead BER, APS Messages and DCC Insert.
The Section, Line and Path CVs are recalculated before transmission.
- 4 If you wish to add jitter to the STS-3, OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 signal, See "Setting Jitter Transmit Interface" page 7.

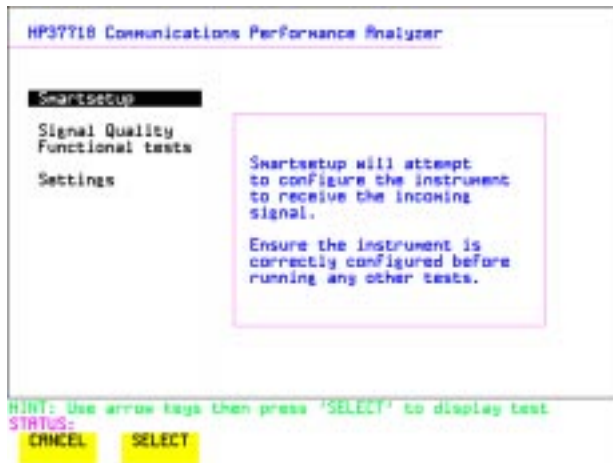
Using Smart Test

Description

The Smart Test function can help speed-up configuring the instrument in two ways.

- 1 A **Smartsetup** feature that will attempt to configure the instrument to receive the incoming signal.
- 2 A series of “links” that provide quick access to some of the most frequently used features of the instrument. Note that these tests are run with the instrument in its current configuration, no attempt is made to set the instrument to the requirements of the test.

Smartsetup can help the user by attempting to identify the incoming signal structure and detect mixed payload signal structures.



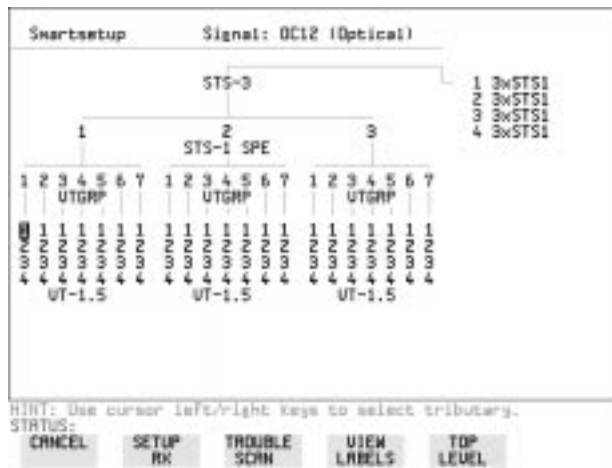
HOW TO USE SMARTSETUP:

- 1 Connect the HP 37718A to the network and choose if necessary the required SONET **RECEIVE** interface on the HP 37718A (Smartsetup will select DS_n or SONET/SDH, but can not select between SONET and SDH).
- 2 Press **SMART TEST**.
The display will show the Smart Test menu above.
- 3 Press either **SET** or **SELECT**.

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Using Smart Test

- 4 In **SONET** mode the incoming signal will be identified on the top line of the display, and under this the payload mappings, the J1 Trace and C2 byte indicators are displayed on the bottom lines.
- 5 Use the **↑** and **↓** keys to display the J1 Trace information for each STS SPE. When the STS SPE of interest has been identified choose either **VIEW PAYLOAD** or **PRBS SEARCH**.
- 6 Choosing **VIEW PAYLOAD** will identify and display the payload mapping of the TUG structured signal, as shown below. Choose the required tributary using **→** and **←**.



- 7 There are four choices available at this point:
 - SETUP RX** which sets the receiver to receive the selected tributary.
 - TROUBLE SCAN** which sets the receiver to receive the selected tributary, exits to the **RESULTS** **TROUBLE SCAN** display and starts gating.
 - VIEW LABELS** which displays the C2/V5/J1/J2 trace information for the selected tributary.
 - TOP LEVEL** which returns the display to the STS SPE selection window.
- 8 Choosing **PRBS SEARCH** at Step 5 will prompt you for additional information about patterns and which mapping to search. When the required data has been entered press **GO**.
- 9 When the search is complete a tributary display appears, with any tributaries containing the required PRBS indicated with a "P". Choose the required tributary using **→** and **←**.

Setting DSn Receive Interface

Description

DSn Receive interface settings should match the network equipment settings of Rate, Termination and Line Code and determine the Payload to be tested.

TIP:

To set the transmitter and receiver to the same interface settings choose **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** **COUPLED**.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the required SIGNAL rate.
- 2 If you have chosen 2 Mb/s as the SIGNAL rate, choose the required TERMINATION. (At all other rates the impedance is fixed.)
- 3 If you have chosen 2 Mb/s or DS1 as the SIGNAL rate, choose the required LINE CODE. (At 34Mb/s and DS3 coding is fixed.)
- 4 If you are measuring at the network equipment monitor point, set the LEVEL field to **MONITOR**. In this case the received signal will be 20 to 30 dB below the normal level.
Choose the GAIN required to return the received signal to normal.
Choose EQUALIZATION **ON** to compensate for cable losses if required.

Setting the Interfaces

Setting DS_n Receive Interface

- 5 Choose the PAYLOAD TYPE.
If **STRUCTURED** is required **FRAMED** must be chosen.
If **STRUCTURED** is chosen, the DS_n test signal must be set up. See “Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal” page 37.
If you chose 2 Mb/s, DS1 or DS3 as the PDH/DS_n SIGNAL rate, the FRAMED choice is expanded to provide a menu of framing types.
- 6 Choose the PATTERN type and the PRBS POLARITY required.

Setting SONET Receive Interface

Description

SONET Receive interface settings should match the network equipment settings of Rate and Mapping, and determine the payload to be tested.

TIP:

If you wish to set the HP 37718A transmitter and receiver to the same interface settings, choose **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** **COUPLED**.



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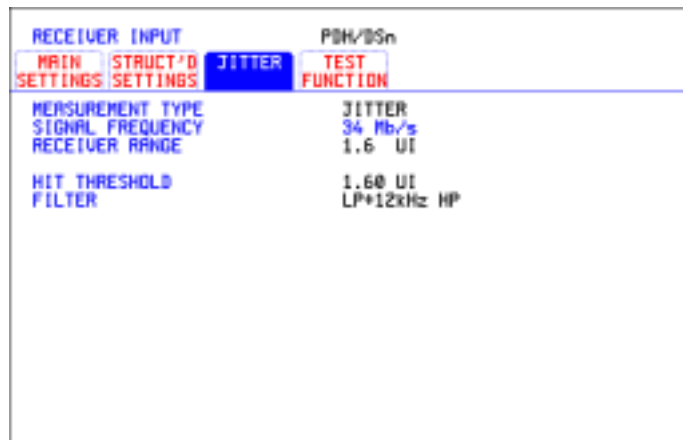
- 1 Choose the required SIGNAL source.
If STS-1 or STS-3 is chosen, choose the required LEVEL.
If the LEVEL chosen is **MONITOR** choose the required GAIN.
- 2 Choose mapping and type of payload.
- 3 If VT-6 mapping is chosen, and CONCATENATION is enabled, choose the tributary at which the concatenation begins.
If VT-6, VT-2 or VT-1.5 mapping is chosen, choose the test tributary under CHANNEL.
- 4 Choose the payload framing under PAYLOAD TYPE or VT PAYLOAD.
If **STRUCTURED** is required **FRAMED** must be chosen.
If **STRUCTURED** is chosen the Payload test signal must be set up. See “Setting Receive Structured Payload/Test Signal” page 39.
If DROP is chosen, see “Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal” page 46.
- 5 Choose the PATTERN type and PRBS polarity.

Setting Jitter Receive Interface

Description:

Jitter and error measurements are made simultaneously when a jitter option is fitted. The measurements are made on the normal input to the DS_n or SONET receiver and the interface selections are the normal Receiver selections. The jitter receive interface is selected with **RECEIVE** **PDH/DS_n** **JITTER** or **RECEIVE** **SONET** **JITTER** MEASUREMENT TYPE **JITTER**.

The choices made on the jitter receive interface determine the jitter measurement range, the threshold level for determining a jitter hit and which filters are used in the jitter measurement.



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HOW TO:

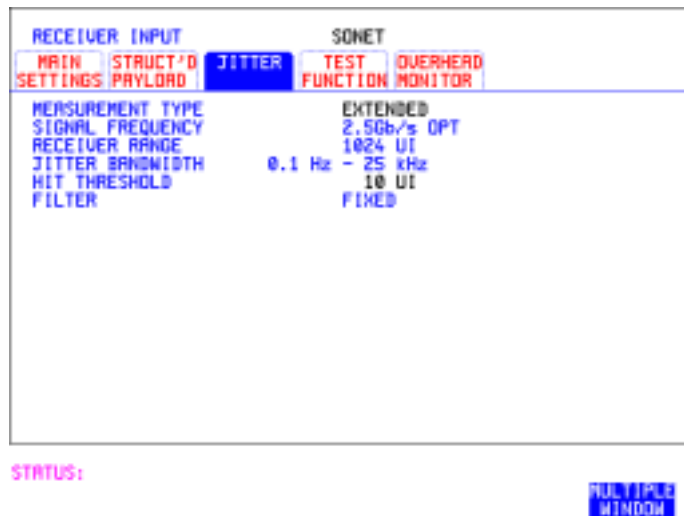
- 1 Choose MEASUREMENT TYPE **JITTER**.
- 2 Choose the RECEIVER RANGE - the jitter measurement range.
- 3 Choose the HIT THRESHOLD level - if the received jitter exceeds the value chosen a jitter hit is recorded.
- 4 Choose the FILTER you wish to include in the peak to peak and RMS jitter measurement.

Setting Extended Jitter Receive Interface

Description:

Extended Jitter measurements are made in a jitter bandwidth of 0.1 Hz to 25 kHz. These measurements are made at the upper end of the standard wander frequency range and the lower end of the standard jitter frequency range. The extended jitter receive interface is selected with **RECEIVE PDH/DSn JITTER** or **RECEIVE SONET JITTER** MEASUREMENT TYPE **EXTENDED**.

The choices made on the jitter receive interface determine the threshold level for determining a jitter hit. The measurement Range and the Filters are not selectable.

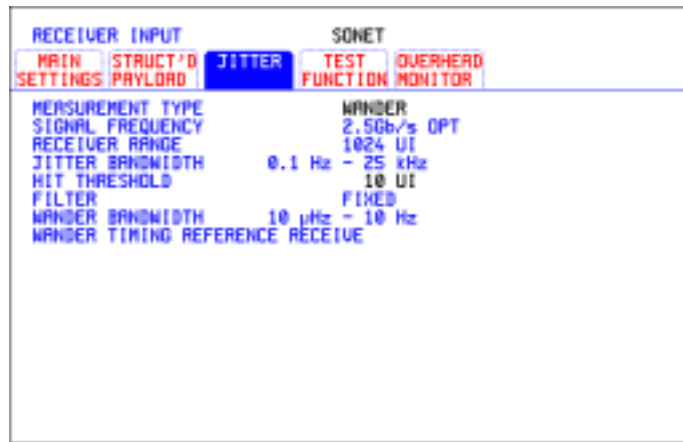
**HOW TO:**

- 1 Choose MEASUREMENT TYPE **EXTENDED**.
- 2 Choose the HIT THRESHOLD level - if the received jitter exceeds the value chosen a jitter hit is recorded.

Setting Wander Receive Interface

Description:

You can measure Wander at all DS_n and SONET rates. An external timing reference should be selected on the **TRANSMIT** **PDH/DS_n** or **SONET** **MAIN SETTINGS** display to ensure accurate Wander results.



STATUS:

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose an external timing reference on the **TRANSMIT** **SONET** **MAIN SETTINGS** display. See, “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4.
- 2 If you intend to measure wander on a DS_n signal, set up the DS_n receive interface. See, “Setting DS_n Receive Interface” page 15.
- 3 If you intend to measure wander on a SONET signal, set up the SONET receive interface. See, “Setting SONET Receive Interface” page 17.
- 4 Choose MEASUREMENT TYPE **WANDER**.
- 5 Choose the wander HIT THRESHOLD - if the received wander exceeds the value chosen a wander hit is recorded.

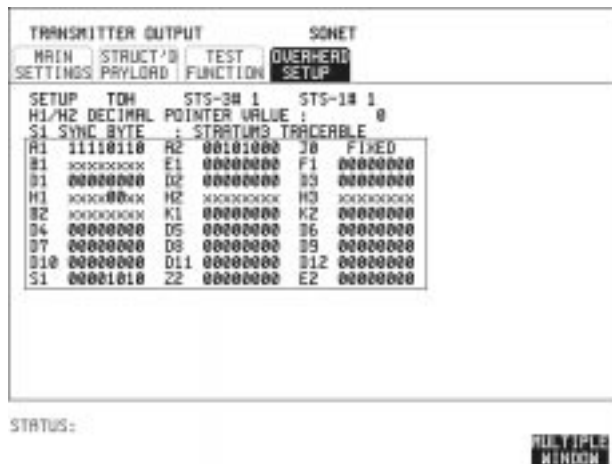
Selecting Test Features

Selecting Test Features

Using Transmit Overhead Setup

Description

You can set an overhead byte to a known static state to aid troubleshooting, for example to quickly check for "stuck bits" in path overhead bytes. Transport Overhead, Path Overhead, Trace Messages and Labels can be set using this feature.





HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 Choose the type of overhead to SETUP.
If OC-12 or OC-48 is chosen as the SONET interface, choose the STS-3# and STS-1# you wish to set up.
If STS-3 is chosen as the SONET interface, choose the STS-1# you wish to set up.
DEFAULT - Use to set all overhead bytes to the standard values defined by ITU-T.
If a test function is active then the overhead byte value is determined by the choices made in the Test Function. If APS Messages is chosen, for example, K1K2 value is set by the APS Messages setup.

Selecting Test Features

Using Transmit Overhead Setup

If **TOH** (Transport Overhead) is chosen, choose the STS-1 to be displayed. Many bytes in **STS-1# 2** and **STS-1#3** are unlabeled as the other overhead functions have not yet been defined.

If **STS-1# 1,2,3** is chosen, the hexadecimal value of all 81 bytes of the STS-3 section & line overhead selected are displayed (all 324 bytes of an OC-12 or 1,296 bytes of an OC-48 are displayed 81 bytes at a time by selecting each STS-3 in turn). The value of the bytes can be set using **DECREASE DIGIT** **INCREASE DIGIT**  .

If BYTE NAMES is chosen, the labels for the **STS-1# 1,2,3** overhead bytes are displayed.

- 3 If POH (Path Overhead) is chosen, choose the TYPE of overhead within STS-1 under test to be setup.
J1 and J2 bytes can be set under Path Overhead or Trace Messages.
H4 byte has a choice of sequences for VT-2, VT-1.5 and VT-6 mapping:
Full Sequence - 48 byte binary sequence.
Reduced Sequence - Binary count sequence of 0 to 3 i.e. 111111(00 to 11).
COC1 Sequence - Binary count sequence of 0 to 3 i.e. 110000(00 to 11).
H4 byte is transmitted as all zero's for 34 Mb/s and DS3.
- 4 If TRACE MESSAGES is chosen, see "Setting Overhead Trace Messages " page 26.

NOTE

Any bit of an overhead byte which is displayed as x or s cannot be set at any time. All other bits can be set to 0 or 1.

TIP:

You can set all overhead bytes to the default state by selecting **SETUP** **DEFAULT**.

You can set all overhead bytes and test functions to the default state by recalling Stored Settings [0] on the **OTHER** display.

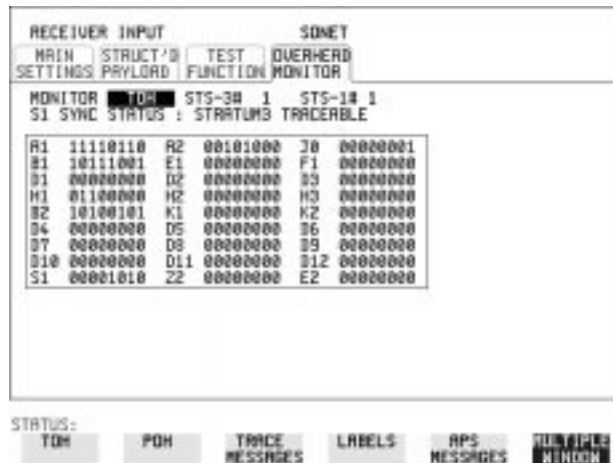
Using Receive Overhead Monitor

Description

When first connecting to a SONET network, a start up confidence check can be made by viewing the behavior of all the overhead bytes. If the SONET network shows alarm indications, some diagnosis of the problem may be gained from viewing all the overhead bytes. The OVERHEAD MONITOR display is updated once per second (once per 8000 frames) approximately.

TIP:

A snapshot of the received overhead can be logged to the chosen logging device. See "Logging on Demand " page 110.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive SONET interface and payload as required. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 2 Choose the type of overhead to MONITOR.
- 3 If **TOH** (Transport Overhead) is chosen, choose the STS-3 # and STS-1# to be displayed.
Many bytes in **STS-1# 2** and **STS-1#3** are unlabeled because the other overhead functions have not yet been defined.
If **STS-1# 1,2,3** is chosen, the hexadecimal value of all 81 bytes of section overhead is displayed (all 324 bytes of an OC-12 or 1,296 bytes of an OC-48 are displayed 81 bytes at a time by selecting each STS-3 in turn). The value of the bytes can be set using **DECREASE DIGIT** **INCREASE DIGIT** .

Selecting Test Features

Using Receive Overhead Monitor

If BYTE NAMES is chosen, the labels for the **STS-1# 1,2,3** overhead bytes are displayed.

- 4 If POH (Path Overhead) is chosen, choose the source of the overhead, SPE or VTSPE.
J1 and J2 bytes can be monitored under Path Overhead or Trace Messages
- 5 If TRACE MESSAGES is chosen, you can monitor a data message to verify portions of the network.
If the 16 byte CRC7 message structure is detected, the 15 characters within the message are displayed.
If the CRC7 structure is not detected in J1, the 64 byte message format is assumed and displayed.
If the CRC7 structure is not detected for J0 or J2, all 16 bytes are displayed.
- 6 If LABELS is chosen, the S1 sync status, STS path label (C2) and the VT Path label (V5) are monitored.
- 7 If APS MESSAGES is chosen, choose the TOPOLOGY, **LINEAR** (GR-253) or **RING** (GR-1230). The K1 and K2 bits are monitored.

TIP:

If any abnormal behavior is observed on a particular path or section overhead byte, or an associated group of bytes (3XA1,3XA2; D1 - D3), the **RECEIVE TEST FUNCTION** display of **OVERHEAD CAPTURE** can be used to "Zoom" in on the suspect byte or bytes on a frame by frame basis. See "Using Receive Overhead Capture " page 29.

Setting Overhead Trace Messages

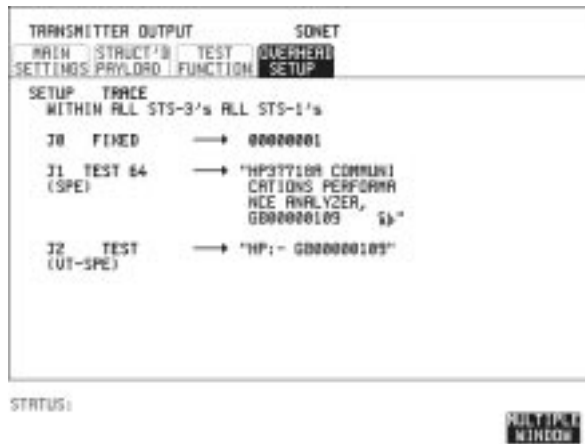
Description

You can insert a data message to verify portions of the network:

J0 verifies the section overhead.

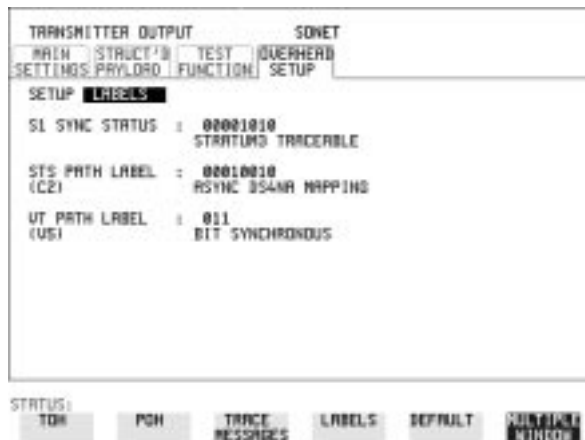
J1 verifies the STS-1 SPE or STS-3c SPE path connection.

J2 verifies the VT SPE path connection.



HOW TO:

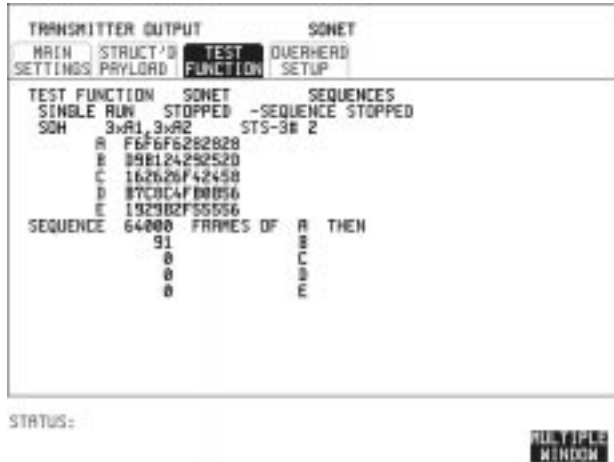
- 1 Choose the message for insertion in the chosen trace channel. Choosing LABELS in TRACE MESSAGES allows the setting of the S1 SYNC STATUS, STS PATH LABEL (C2) and VT PATH LABEL (V5).





Generating Overhead Sequences

Description

You may insert a pattern into a functional group of overhead bytes for testing or troubleshooting purposes.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONY transmit interface and payload required. See “Setting SONY Transmit Interface” page 4.
- 2 Choose the type of sequence required.
SINGLE RUN - runs the sequence once and then stops.
REPEAT RUN - runs the sequence repeatedly until STOPPED is chosen.
- 3 Choose the overhead type as required.
SOH- Section Overhead
LOH- Line Overhead
POH - Path Overhead
- 4 Choose the byte or bytes of overhead required.
- 5 Set up the required number of data patterns and the number of frames in which each data pattern should appear.
Your sequence is derived from up to 5 blocks of hexadecimal data. Each block can be transmitted in up to 64,000 frames.
The data and the number of frames are set using **DECREASE DIGIT** **INCREASE DIGIT**  .

Selecting Test Features
Generating Overhead Sequences

6 Start the sequence by choosing **START**.

NOTE

When you start the sequence illustrated, one Out of Frame alarm and one Loss of Frame alarm should occur every eight seconds.

Using Receive Overhead Capture

Description

Section, Line and Path overhead provide network support functions, responding dynamically to network conditions and needs. It is therefore useful to capture overhead activity on a frame by frame basis.

TIP:

The Overhead Capture display can be logged to the chosen logging device. See "Logging on Demand " page 110.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```
RECEIVER INPUT          SNET
MAIN STRUCT'0          TEST OVERHEAD
SETTINGS PAYLOAD       FUNCTION MONITOR

TEST FUNCTION SNET Q/H CAPTURE
SOH 3xR1,3xR2 STS-3# 2
TRIGGER ON NOT F6F6F6282828
CAPTURE STOPPED

DATA FRAME COUNT
09812429252D 91
F6F6F6282828 64000
09812429252D 91
F6F6F6282828 64000
09812429252D 91
F6F6F6282828 64000
09812429252D 91
F6F6F6282828 64000
```

STATUS: MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive SNET interface and payload as required. See "Setting SNET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 2 Choose the overhead type as required.
SOH- Section Overhead
LOH- Line Overhead
POH- Path Overhead
- 3 Choose the Byte or bytes of overhead to be captured.

Choose the TRIGGER to determine the start point of the capture.

OFF - starts immediately the capture is initiated. Can be used to provide a frame by frame monitor of the chosen byte or bytes.

ON -captures activity after your specified overhead state has occurred. Can be used for transient detection from a specified expected state.

Selecting Test Features

Using Receive Overhead Capture

ON NOT - captures activity after the first occurrence of a deviation from your specified overhead state. Can be used for transient detection from a specified expected state.

- 4 Up to 16 records of overhead state are provided. Each record will represent between 1 and 64,000 frames. A capture is started by pressing CAPTURE **START** and terminates when up to 16 records have been captured. The capture can be terminated earlier by pressing CAPTURE **STOP**.

Adding Frequency Offset to SONET Signal

Description

Frequency offset can be added to the SONET interface rate signal and to the payload signal.



HOW TO:

SONET Line Rate Offset



- 1 Choose the amount of frequency offset required.

You can set the Frequency Offset in the range -999 ppm to +999 ppm in 1 ppm steps using **DECREASE DIGIT** **INCREASE DIGIT** and . The amount of applied Frequency Offset can be varied while measurements are taking place.

If the value of the SONET line rate offset chosen is sufficient to cause the maximum stuff rate to be exceeded, the asynchronous payload is offset to prevent bit errors occurring and the maximum stuff rate is maintained. When Floating Byte 2 Mb/s is chosen, in conjunction with SONET line rate offset, the chosen tributary will be offset as the line rate is offset. (No pointer movements).

Adding Frequency Offset to SONET Signal

Tributary Offset ± 100 ppm

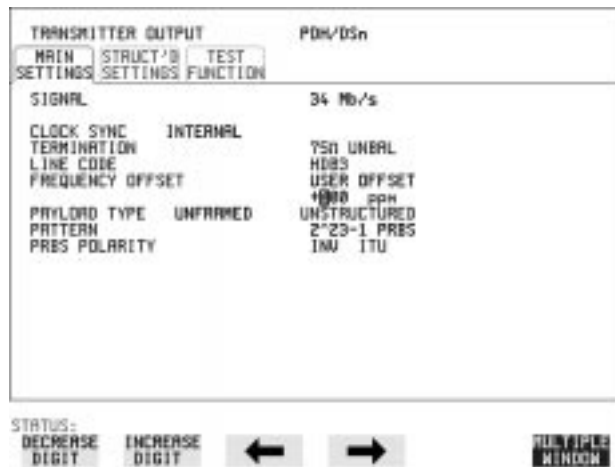
- 1 Choose the amount of tributary offset required.
You can set the Offset in the range -100 ppm to +100 ppm in 1 ppm steps using **DECREASE DIGIT** **INCREASE DIGIT**  and .
The amount of applied Frequency Offset can be varied while measurements are taking place.
Tributary offset affects the stuff rate but does not cause pointer movements and can be used to test mapping jitter. If the combined value of SONET line rate offset and tributary offset chosen is sufficient to cause the maximum stuff rate to be exceeded the payload is offset to prevent bit errors occurring and the maximum stuff rate is maintained.

Adding Frequency Offset to the DS_n Signal

Description

You can add frequency offset to the interface DS_n SIGNAL at all rates. Frequency Offset can be added at preset ITU values or as User defined values in the range ± 100 ppm. The preset values change with the SIGNAL rate chosen as shown:

DS-1 (1.544 Mb/s)	+ 32 ppm	-32 ppm
2 Mb/s (E1)	+ 50 ppm	-50 ppm
34 Mb/s (E3)	+ 20 ppm	-20 ppm
DS-3 (44.736 Mb/s)	+ 20 ppm	-20 ppm



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the FREQUENCY OFFSET required.
- 2 If you choose USER OFFSET, you can set the frequency offset to be between -100 ppm and +100 ppm in 1 ppm steps. Select the field immediately below USER OFFSET and use **DECREASE DIGIT**, **INCREASE DIGIT**, **←** and **→** to set the frequency offset. (The amount of frequency offset can be varied while measurements are taking place.)

Setting up Signaling Bits

Description

When transmitting 2.048 Mb/s signals with timeslot-16 CAS (PCM30 or PCM30CRC) multiframing the state of A,B,C,D signaling bits can be set. The signaling bits of all timeslots are set to the user-defined 4 bit value.

When transmitting a DS1 framed, structured signal the values of the A,B signaling bits for D4 and SLC-96 payloads, and A,B,C,D signaling bits for ESF payloads can be defined.

HOW TO

Transmit a 2 Mb/s signal with user-defined signaling bits DSn Operation



- 1 Choose **PDH/DSn** on the **TRANSMIT** display.
- 2 Choose SIGNAL **2 Mb/s** and PAYLOAD TYPE **PCM30** or **PCM30CRC** on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display.
- 3 If UNSTRUCTURED is chosen set the 2M CAS ABCD bits value on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display.
If STRUCTURED is chosen set the 2M CAS ABCD bits value on the **STRUCTURED SETTINGS** display.

Selecting Test Features

Setting up Signaling Bits

SONET Operation



- 1 Choose **SONET** on the **TRANSMIT** display
- 2 Choose MAPPING **ASYNC 2Mb/s** or **FL BYTE 2Mb/s** and VT PAYLOAD **PCM30** or **PCM30CRC** on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display.
- 3 If **UNSTRUCTURED** is chosen set the 2M CAS ABCD bits value on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display.
If **STRUCTURED** is chosen set the 2M CAS ABCD bits value on the **STRUCTURED SETTINGS** display.

HOW TO

Transmit a DS1 payload signal with user-defined signaling bits

DSn Operation



- 1 Choose **PDH/DSn** on the **TRANSMIT** display.

Selecting Test Features

Setting up Signaling Bits

- 2 Choose SIGNAL **DS1** or **DS3**, and PAYLOAD TYPE **STRUCTURED** on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display
- 3 Choose TEST SIGNAL **56 kb/s** or **Nx56 kb/s** on the **STRUCTURED SETTINGS** display.
- 4 Set the A,B bits (for D4 and SLC-96) and A,B,C,D bits (for ESF) as required.

SONET Operation

- 1 Choose **SONET** on the **TRANSMIT** display.
- 2 Choose MAPPING **ASYNC DS1** or **DS3** and VT PAYLOAD **STRUCTURED** on the **MAIN SETTINGS** display
- 3 Choose TEST SIGNAL **56 kb/s** or **Nx56 kb/s** on the **STRUCTURED SETTINGS** display .
- 4 Set the A,B bits (for D4 and SLC-96) and A,B,C,D bits (for ESF) as required.

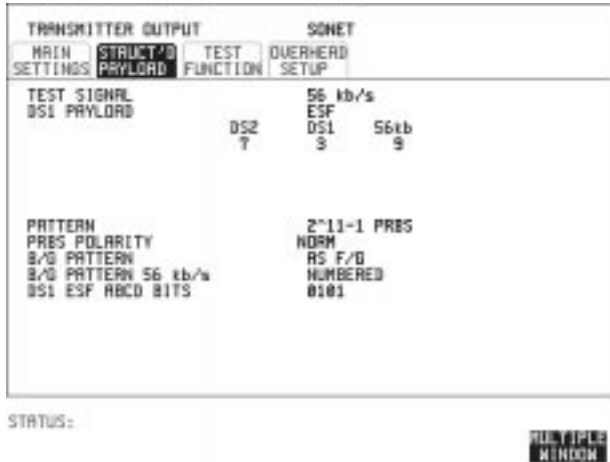
Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal

Description

Structured DS_n Payload/Test Signal settings determine the SONET payload or the DS_n test signal to be tested and set any background (non test) conditions to prevent alarms while testing.

TIP:

If you wish to set the HP 37718A transmitter and receiver to the same Payload settings, choose **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** **COUPLED**.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the required TEST SIGNAL rate. If N x 64 kb/s or N x 56 kb/s is chosen, see "Setting Transmit N x 64 kb/s/N x 56 kb/s Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 40.
- 2 Choose the PAYLOAD framing pattern.
 If TEST SIGNAL 2Mb/s is chosen **INSERT 2 Mb/s** is added to the PAYLOAD menu. See "Inserting an External DS_n Payload/Test Signal " page 43.
 If TEST SIGNAL DS1 is chosen **INSERT DS1** is added to the menu. See "Inserting an External DS_n Payload/Test Signal " page 43.
- 3 Choose the test tributary in the structured payload, under 34Mb, 8Mb, 2Mb, 64 kb/s or DS2, DS1, 56 kb/s.
- 4 Choose the PATTERN type and PRBS POLARITY.

Selecting Test Features

Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal

- 5 Choose the B/G PATTERN.
The B/G PATTERN in the non test 56/64 kb/s timeslots is fixed as NUMBERED, that is, each timeslot contains a unique number to allow identification in case of routing problems.

Signaling

- 6 If a 2 Mb/s PAYLOAD with PCM30 or PCM30CRC framing, or 56 kb/s or Nx56kb/s Test Signal is chosen. See, "Setting up Signaling Bits " page 34.

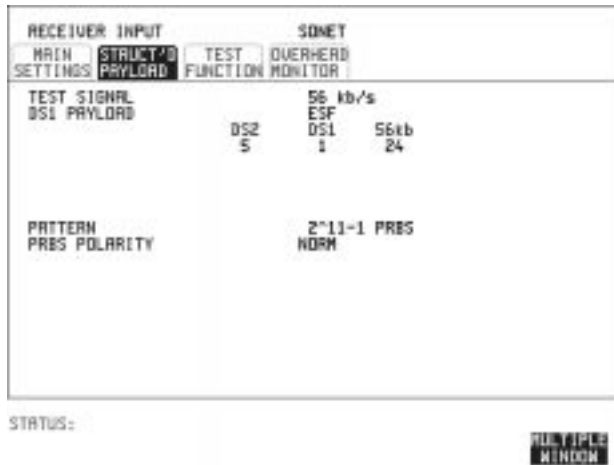
Setting Receive Structured Payload/Test Signal

Description

Structured DS_n Payload/Test Signal settings determine the SONET payload or the DS_n test signal to be tested.

TIP:

If you wish to set the HP 37718A transmitter and receiver to the same Payload settings, choose **OTHER** **STORED SETTINGS** **COUPLED**.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the required Test Signal rate. If N x 64 kb/s or N x 56 kb/s is chosen, see "Setting Receive N x 64 kb/s/N x 56 kb/s Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 42.
- 2 Choose the Framing pattern of the PAYLOAD.
 If TEST SIGNAL 2 Mb/s is chosen, **DROP 2 Mb/s** is added to the menu. See "Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal " page 46.
 If TEST SIGNAL DS1 is chosen, **DROP DS1** is added to the menu. See "Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal " page 46.
- 3 Choose the test tributary within the structured payload, under 34Mb, 8Mb, 2Mb, 64 kb or DS2, DS1, 56 kb/s.
- 4 Choose the PATTERN type and PRBS polarity.

Selecting Test Features

Setting Transmit N x 64 kb/s/N x 56 kb/s Structured Payload/Test Signal

- 6 The B/G PATTERN in the non-test 56/64 kb/s timeslots is fixed as NUMBERED, that is, each timeslot contains a unique identification number.

Signaling

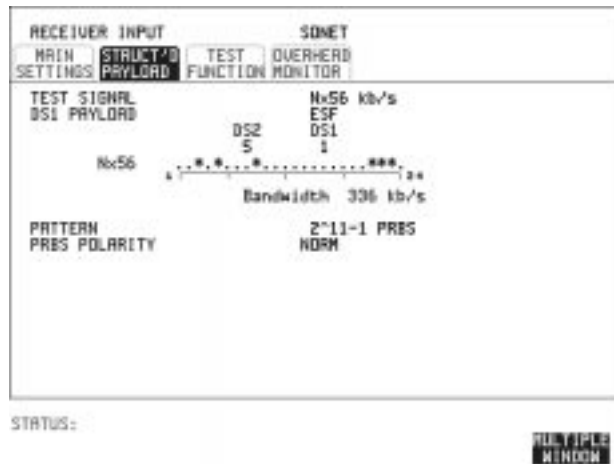
- 7 If a 2 Mb/s PAYLOAD with PCM30 or PCM30CRC framing, or 56 kb/s or Nx56kb/s Test Signal is chosen. See, "Setting up Signaling Bits " page 34.

Setting Receive N x 64 kb/s/N x 56 kb/s Structured Payload/Test Signal



Description

Wideband services such as high speed data links and LAN interconnection require a bandwidth greater than 56/64 kb/s but less than DS1/2 Mb/s e.g. 112 kb/s or 336 kb/s. These wideband signals are sent in a DS1/2 Mb/s frame by sharing the signal between multiple timeslots.

N x 64kb/s and N x 56 kb/s structured payload/test signal allows the test Timeslots to be chosen for error measurement even when the Timeslots are non contiguous.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the required Test Signal rate.
- 2 Choose the Framing pattern of the 2M or DS1 PAYLOAD.
- 3 Choose the test timeslots within the structured payload using **DESELECT ALL** **DESELECT** **SELECT**  and  softkeys. As each timeslot is chosen an * marks the chosen timeslot. In the example above Timeslots 3, 5, 9, 21, 22, 23 are chosen for test.
- 4 Choose the PATTERN type and PRBS polarity.

Inserting an External DS_n Payload/Test Signal

Description

You can insert a DS_n signal from external equipment into the SONET signal, or you can insert 2 Mb/s or DS1 into the structured DS_n signal, as shown in the table below. DS3 and 34 Mb/s can only be inserted if SONET is chosen as the receive interface. 2 Mb/s or DS1 can be inserted from a structured or non-structured SONET payload and from a structured DS_n signal.

RATE	Availability	Option
DS3	SONET	011 Only
34Mb/s	SONET	010 and 011
2Mb/s	DS _n & SONET	010 and 011
DS1	DS _n & SONET	011 Only

HOW TO:

Insert 34 Mb/s & DS3



- 1 Connect the external payload to the 75Ω IN port of the PDH/DS_n receive module.
- 2 Set up the required transmit SONET interface, and choose VT PAYLOAD **INSERT 34 Mb/s** or **INSERT DS3** as required.

Selecting Test Features

Inserting an External DS_n Payload/Test Signal

Insert 2 Mb/s or DS1 (Unstructured SONE_T Payload)

TRANSMITTER OUTPUT		SONET	
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD / FUNCTION	TEST	OVERHEAD SETUP
SIGNAL	OC-12		INTERNAL
CLOCK	INTERNAL		
FREQUENCY OFFSET	OFF		
MAPPING	<input type="checkbox"/> STS-1		BACKGROUND VT-1.5 ASYNC DS1
CHANNEL	STS-3 2	STS-1 3	UTDRP 7
VT PAYLOAD	INSERT DS1		UT 1
LINE CODE	NRZ		
USE 'MUX' PORT ON PDH TH MODULE.			

STATUS:
UNFRAMED 04 ESF SLC-96 INSERT DS1 MULTIPLE MEMOR

- 1 Connect the external payload to the MUX port of the PDH/DS_n Transmit module.
If 2 Mb/s connect to 75Ω MUX port. If DS1 connect to 100Ω MUX port.
- 2 Set up the required transmit SONE_T interface, and choose VT-2 or VT-1.5 MAPPING and VT PAYLOAD **INSERT 2 Mb/s** or **INSERT DS1**.

Insert 2 Mb/s or DS1 (Structured SONE_T Payload or Structured DS_n)

TRANSMITTER OUTPUT		SONET	
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD / FUNCTION	TEST	OVERHEAD SETUP
TEST SIGNAL			DS1
DS1 PAYLOAD			INSERT DS1
LINE CODE			NRZ
		DS2 5	DS1 1
B/G PATTERN			RS P/D

STATUS:
UNFRAMED 04 ESF SLC-96 INSERT DS1 MULTIPLE MEMOR

- 1 Connect the external payload to the MUX port of the DS_n Transmit module.
If 2 Mb/s connect to 75Ω MUX port. If DS1 connect to 100Ω MUX port.

Inserting an External DSn Payload/Test Signal

Structured SONET Payload

- 2 Set up the required transmit SONET interface. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 3 Set up the SONET structured payload. See "Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 37.
- 4 Choose 2M PAYLOAD/DS1 PAYLOAD **INSERT 2 Mb/s** or **INSERT DS1**.
- 5 Choose the LINE CODE.

Structured DSn

- 6 Set up, the required transmit DSn interface, See "Setting DSn Transmit Interface " page 2.
- 7 Set up the DSn Test Signal interface. See "Setting Transmit Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 37
- 8 Choose 2M PAYLOAD/DS1 PAYLOAD **INSERT 2 Mb/s** or **INSERT DS1**.
- 9 Choose the LINE CODE.

Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal

Description

You can drop a DS_n signal from the received payload or drop 2 Mb/s or DS1 from the structured DS_n signal to external equipment as shown in the table below. DS3 and 34 Mb/s can only be dropped if SONET is chosen as the receive interface. 2 Mb/s or DS1 can be dropped from a structured or non-structured SONET payload and from a structured DS_n signal.

RATE	Availability	Option
DS3	SONET	011 Only
34Mb/s	SONET	010 and 011
2Mb/s	DS _n & SONET	010 and 011
DS1	DS _n & SONET	011 Only

HOW TO: Drop 34 Mb/s & DS3



- 1 Connect the 75Ω OUT port of the DS_n Transmit module to the external equipment.
- 2 Set up the receive SONET interface, and choose VT PAYLOAD , **DROP 34 Mb/s** or **DROP DS3** .
If **DROP DS3** is chosen, choose the DS3 output level.

Selecting Test Features

Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal

Drop 2 Mb/s /DS1 (Unstructured SONET Payload)

RECEIVER INPUT		SONET	
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD	TEST FUNCTION	OVERHEAD MONITOR
SIGNAL		DC-12	
MAPPING ID	STS-1	VT-1.5 ASYNC DS1	
CHANNEL	STS-3 2	STS-1 3	VTORP 1
VT PAYLOAD	DROP DS1		
LINE CODE	BRI		
USE 'DEMUX' PORT ON PSH RX MODULE			

STATUS: UNFRAMED 04 ESF SLC-96 DROP DS1 MULTIPLE WINDOW

- 1 Connect the DEMUX port of the DS_n module to the external equipment.
- 2 Set up the required receive SONET interface, and choose VT-2 or VT-1.5 MAPPING and VT PAYLOAD **DROP 2 Mb/s** or **DROP DS1**.
- 3 Choose the required LINE CODE.

Drop 2 Mb/s/DS1 (Structured SONET Payload or Structured DS_n)

RECEIVER INPUT		SONET	
MAIN SETTINGS	STRUCT'D PAYLOAD	TEST FUNCTION	OVERHEAD MONITOR
TEST SIGNAL	DS1		
DS1 PAYLOAD	DROP DS1		
LINE CODE	B8ZS		
	DS2 2	DS1 3	

STATUS: UNFRAMED 04 ESF SLC-96 DROP DS1 MULTIPLE WINDOW

- 1 Connect the DEMUX port of the Receive DS_n module to the external equipment.
If 2 Mb/s connect to 75Ω DEMUX port. If DS1 connect to 100Ω DEMUX port.

Dropping an External Payload/Test Signal

Structured SONET Payload

- 2 Set up the required receive SONET interface. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.
- 3 Set up the SONET structured payload. See "Setting Receive Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 39.
- 4 Choose 2M PAYLOAD **DROP 2 Mb/s** or DS1 PAYLOAD **DROP DS1**.
- 5 Choose the LINE CODE.

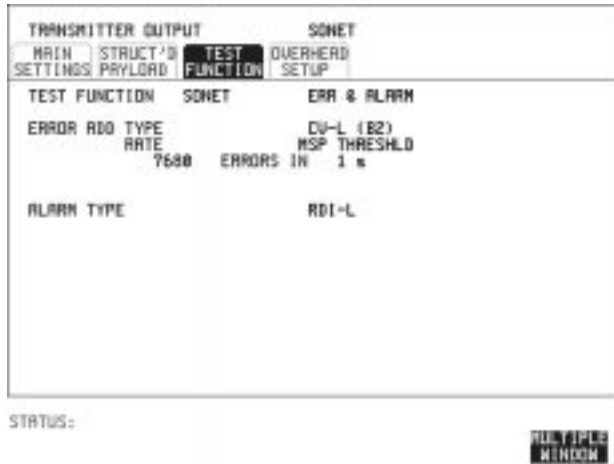
Structured DSn

- 6 Set up, the required receive DSn interface, See "Setting DSn Receive Interface " page 15.
- 7 Set up the DSn Test Signal interface. See "Setting Receive Structured Payload/Test Signal " page 39
- 8 Choose 2M PAYLOAD **DROP 2 Mb/s** or DS1 PAYLOAD **DROP DS1**.
- 9 Choose the LINE CODE.

Adding Errors & Alarms at the SONET Interface

Description

Errors and alarms can be added to the SONET interface signal during testing.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 Choose the ERROR ADD TYPE and RATE required.
 Errors can be added at preset rates and at USER programmable rate. With the exception of ENTIRE FRAME and A1A2 FRAME, errors can be added at ERROR ALL rate.
 If CV-L errors are chosen errors can be added to trigger an APS THRESHOLD. This takes the form of N errors in T time period. N and T are both selectable.
- 3 Choose the ALARM TYPE
 Errors and Alarms can be added at the same time.

Adding Errors & Alarms to the DSn Interface/ DSn Payload

Description

Errors and alarms can be added to the DSn interface/payload signal during testing.



HOW TO:

- 1 If SONET interface is chosen, set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4.
If DSn interface is chosen, set up the DSn interface and payload required. See “Setting DSn Transmit Interface” page 2.
- 2 Choose the ERROR ADD TYPE and RATE on the Transmitter **TEST FUNCTION** display.
The RATE can be selected from a fixed value or is user programmable. If you select USER PROGRAM you can select the error rate before enabling the errors. This feature is useful for error threshold testing.
- 3 Choose the ALARM TYPE.
Errors and Alarms can be added at the same time.

Using FEAC Codes

Description

The third C-Bit in subframe 1 is used as a FEAC channel, where alarm or status information from the far-end terminal can be sent back to the near-end terminal. The channel is also used to initiate DS3 and DS1 line loopbacks at the far-end terminal from the near-end terminal.

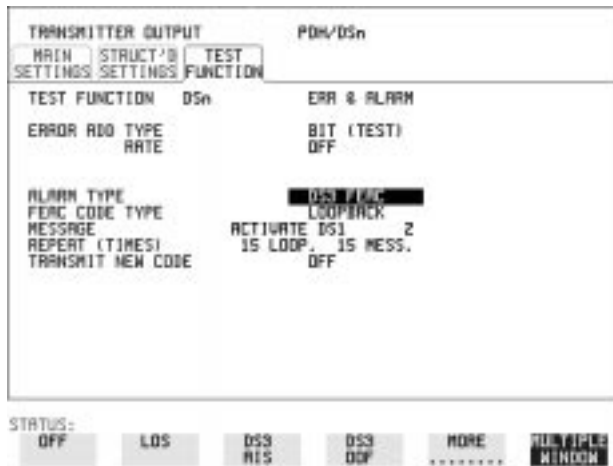
The codes are six digits long and are embedded in a 16 bit code word; the format is 0XXXXXX01111111.

There are two types of code, Loopback and Alarm Status.

Loopback provides a choice of two DS1 messages and two DS3 Messages. The DS1 Messages can be sent in ALL DS1 channels or in a SINGLE channel. The message can be repeated up to 15 times.

Alarm Status provides 13 preset codes and a USER programmable code function. These codes can be transmitted continuously or in bursts.

The new code is transmitted by choosing **BURST** or **ON**.



HOW TO:

Transmit an FEAC code

- 1 Choose SIGNAL **DS3** and PAYLOAD TYPE **CBIT** on the **TRANSMIT MAIN SETTINGS** display.
- 2 Choose **TRANSMIT TEST FUNCTION** and ALARM TYPE **DS3 FEAC**. When a FEAC code is not being transmitted, an all ones pattern is transmitted.

Selecting Test Features

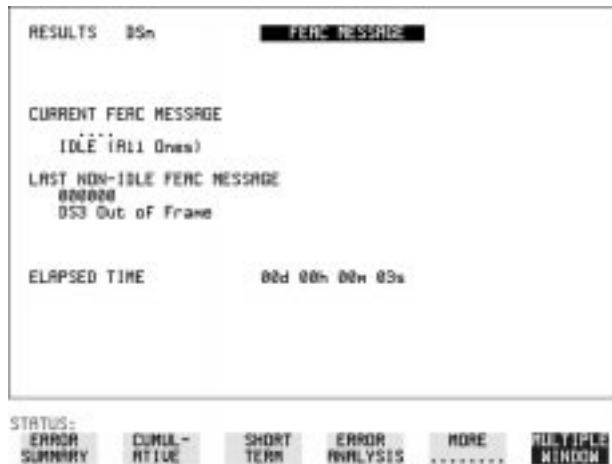
Using FEAC Codes

- 3 Choose the FEAC CODE TYPE.
- 4 Choose the MESSAGE from the choices displayed.
If you chose a DS1 message an additional field to the right of the DS1 MESSAGE is displayed. Position the cursor on this field and choose **ALL** or **SINGLE CHANNEL**.
If you choose **SINGLE CHANNEL** use the EDIT keys to select a channel from 1 to 28. Press **END EDIT** when finished.
- 5 If **LOOPBACK** is chosen, choose the REPEAT (TIMES) LOOP and MESS, in the range 1 to 15.
- 6 If **ALARM/ STATUS** is chosen, choose the BURST LENGTH (TIMES).
- 7 Choose TRANSMIT NEW CODE **BURST** or **ON** to transmit the selected FEAC message.

TIP:

To View FEAC Messages

The received FEAC message can be viewed on the **RESULTS** display.



Setting DSn Spare Bits

Description

Certain Spare Bits will cause the occurrence of a minor alarm when received as a logical "0".:

8 Mb/s & 34 Mb/s - FAS Bit 12

2 Mb/s - NFAS Timeslot (timeslot 0 of NFAS frame) Bit 0



HOW TO:

- 1 If SONET interface is chosen, set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
If DSn interface is chosen, set up the DSn transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting DSn Transmit Interface " page 2.
- 2 Set the value of the spare bits required for testing.
If a BIT SEQUENCE is required, choose SEND SEQUENCE **ON** to transmit the sequence.

Adding Pointer Adjustments

Description

The transmitted SPE or VT pointer value can be adjusted for testing purposes.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SNET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SNET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 Choose the POINTER TYPE.
- 3 Choose the ADJUSTMENT TYPE required.
BURST - You determine the size of the burst by the number of PLACES chosen. If, for example, you choose 5 PLACES the pointer value will be stepped 5 times in unit steps e.g. 0 (start value), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (final value). The interval between steps is as follows:
For AU and TU-3, the minimum spacing between adjustments is 500 us. For VT the minimum spacing between adjustments is 2 ms.
Choose ADJUST POINTER [ON] to add the chosen burst.

NEW POINTER - You can choose a pointer value in the range 0 to 782 with or without a New Data Flag.
The current pointer value is displayed for information purposes.
Choose ADJUST POINTER [ON] to transmit the new pointer value.

Selecting Test Features

Adding Pointer Adjustments

OFFSET - You can frequency offset the line rate or the SPE/VT rate, relative to each other, thus producing pointer movements. If you offset the SPE pointer, an 87:3 sequence of pointer movements is generated. The available configurations are listed in the following table. If you are currently adding Frequency Offset to the SONET interface or payload, pointer OFFSET is not available.

Pointer Type	Line Rate	SPE Rate	VT Rate
SPE	Constant	Offset	Tracks AU Payload
SPE	Offset	Constant	Constant
VT	Constant	Constant	Offset
VT	Offset	Tracks Line Rate	Constant

T1.105/GR-253 - Provides pointer movements according to T1.105 and GR-253:

- 4 Choose the T1.105/GR-253 ADJUSTMENT TYPE.
- 5 Choose the POLARITY, INTERVAL and PATTERN (where applicable) for the selected sequence.
- 6 Choose POINTER SEQUENCES **START INIT** to generate the selected G.783 sequence and **STOP INIT** to stop the pointer sequences.

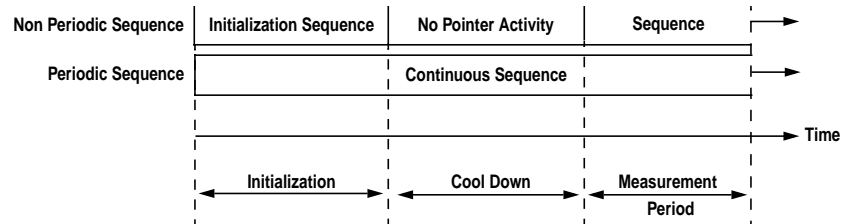
T1.105/GR-253 Pointer Sequences Explained

In addition to the BURST, NEW POINTER and OFFSET pointer movements described, the HP 37718A can also generate pointer sequences (pointer movements) according to T1.105.03 and GR-253.

Before running a pointer sequence you can elect to run an initialization sequence, followed by a cool down period, and then run the chosen sequence. This is selected using the START INIT softkey shown in the display on the previous page. Initialized pointer sequences are made up of three periods: the *Initialization Period*, the *Cool Down Period*, and the *Sequence (Measurement) Period*, an example is given in the following figure:

Selecting Test Features

Adding Pointer Adjustments



Note: SINGLE (A1), BURST (A2) and PHASE TRANSIENT(A3) are Non Periodic Sequences.

Initialization Period

For SINGLE A1, BURST A2 and PHASE TRANSIENT A3 sequences the initialization sequence consists of 60 seconds of pointer adjustments applied at a rate of 2 adjustments per second and in the same direction as the specified pointer sequence.

Cool Down Period

A period following the initialization period which for SINGLE e), BURST f) and PHASE TRANSIENT sequences is 30 seconds long when no pointer activity is present.

Sequence (Measurement) Period

The period following the Cool Down period where the specified pointer sequence runs continuously.

Periodic Test Sequences

For periodic test sequences (for example PERIODIC ADD) both the 60 second initialization and 30 second cool down periods consist of the same sequence as used for the subsequent measurement sequence. If the product of the period T and the selected Optional background pattern (87+3 or 26+1) exceeds 60 seconds then the longer period is used for the initialization. For example, if T is set for 10 seconds then the initialization period may be extended to 900 seconds.

The HP 37718A displays a message indicating which phase (initialization, cool down or measurement) the transmitter is currently generating.

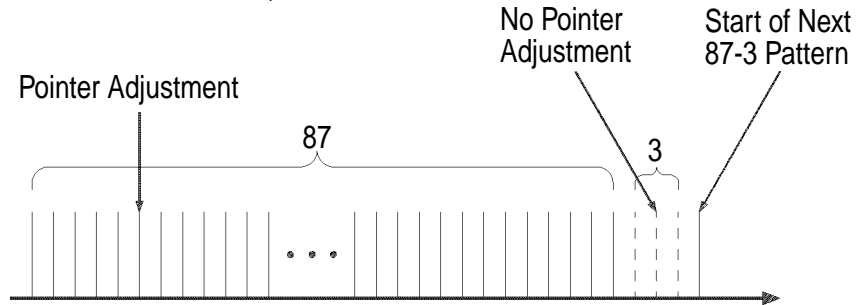
Selecting Test Features
Adding Pointer Adjustments

NOTE

The following conditions apply for pointer sequence generation:
 The sequences can only be applied to the SPE pointer when the SPE does not contain a VT structure, otherwise it is applied to the VT pointer.
 Pointer sequence generation is not available when a frequency offset is being applied to the Line Rate.

The following figure gives an example of a T1.105/GR-253, 87-3 Pointer Sequence.

T1.105 A4 and A5, 87-3 Pattern



An Example of a Pointer Sequence

Pointer Sequence	Description
T1.105 A1 SINGLE GR-253 5-29	Periodic Single adjustments, all of the same polarity which is selectable. Separation between pointer adjustments is fixed at approximately 30 seconds.
T1.105 A2 BURST OF 3 GR-253 5-30	Periodic bursts of 3 adjustments, all of the same polarity which is selectable. The interval between bursts is fixed at approximately 30 seconds. The interval between adjustments within a burst is set to the minimum.

Selecting Test Features
Adding Pointer Adjustments

Pointer Sequence	Description
T1.105 A3 PHASE TRANSIENT GR-253 5031	Phase transient pointer adjustment burst test sequence. All adjustments are of the same polarity, which is selectable. The interval between bursts is fixed at 30 seconds. Each burst consists of 7 pointer movement. The first 3 in each burst are 0.25 s apart, and the interval between the 3 and 4 movement, and each remaining movement 0.5 seconds.
T1.105 A4 PERIODIC NORMAL (87-3 Pattern) GR-253 5-33(b)	An 87-3 pattern is selected. The sequence pattern is 87 pointer movements followed by 3 missing pointer movements. Pointer polarity is selectable and the time interval between pointer adjustments settable.
T1.105 A4 PERIODIC NORMAL (Continuous Pattern) GR-253 5-34(b)	Provides a continuous sequence of pointer adjustments. The polarity of the adjustments is selectable, and the time interval between adjustments can be set (see Note 1).
GR-253 5-32(b) PERIODIC NORMAL (26-1 Pattern)	This selection is only available if you have selected VT1.5 mapping. The sequence pattern is 26 pointer movements followed by 1 missing pointer movement. Pointer polarity is selectable and the time interval between pointer adjustments programmable to 200 ms, 500 ms, 1 s, 2 s, 5 s or 10 seconds.
T1.105 A5 PERIODIC ADD (87-3 Pattern) GR-253 5-33(c)	An 87-3 pattern is selected. The sequence pattern is 87 pointer movements followed by 3 missing pointer movements with an added pointer movement after the 43rd pointer. The spacing between the added adjustment and the previous adjustment is set to the minimum. Pointer polarity is selectable. The time interval between pointer adjustments can be set (see Note 1). Added adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 87-3 pattern, whichever is longer.
T1.105 A5 PERIODIC ADD (Continuous Pattern) GR-253 5-34(c)	Periodic Single adjustments, with selectable polarity and added adjustment (1 extra). The spacing between the added adjustment and the previous adjustment is set to the minimum, (see Note 2). The time interval between pointer adjustments can be set (see Note 1). Added adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 87-3 pattern, whichever is longer.

Selecting Test Features
Adding Pointer Adjustments

Pointer Sequence	Description
GR-253 5-32(c) PERIODIC ADD (26-1 Pattern)	This selection is only available if you have selected VT1.5 mapping. The sequence pattern is 26 pointer movements followed by 1 missing pointer movement. The added adjustment occurs 2 ms after the 13th pointer adjustment. Pointer polarity is selectable and the time interval between pointer adjustments programmable to 200 ms, 500 ms, 1 s, 2 s, 5 s or 10 s. Added adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 26-1 pattern, whichever is longer.
T1.105 A5 PERIODIC CANCEL (87-3 pattern) GR-253 5-33(d)	An 87-3 pattern is selected. The sequence pattern is 87 pointer movements followed by 3 missing pointer movements with a cancelled pointer movement at the 87th pointer. Pointer polarity is selectable, and the time interval between pointer adjustments can be set (see Note 1). Cancelled adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 87-3 pattern, whichever is longer.
T1.105 A5 PERIODIC CANCEL (Continuous Pattern) GR-253 5-34(d)	Periodic Single adjustments, with selectable polarity and cancelled adjustment (1 less). The time interval between pointer adjustments can be set (see Note 1). Cancelled adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 87-3 pattern, whichever is longer.
GR-253 5-32(d) PERIODIC CANCEL (26-1 pattern)	This selection is only available if you have selected VT1.5 mapping. The sequence pattern is 26 pointer movements followed by 1 missing pointer movement. The cancelled adjustment is the 26th pointer adjustment, that is the one before the regular gap of 1. Pointer polarity is selectable and the time interval between pointer adjustments programmable to 200 ms, 500 ms, 1 s, 2 s, 5 s or 10s. Cancelled adjustments occur every 30 seconds or every repeat of the 26-1 pattern, whichever is longer.

NOTE

For SPE pointers the sequence interval is selectable from 7.5 ms, 10, 20, 30, 34 ms; 40 to 100 ms in 10 ms steps, 100 to 1000 ms in 100 ms steps 1, 2, 5, 10 seconds.
 For VT pointers the sequence interval is selectable from: 200 ms, 500 ms, 1, 2, 5 and 10 seconds.
 For SPE pointers the minimum spacing between adjustments is 500 us.
 For VT pointers the minimum spacing between adjustments is 2 ms.

Selecting Test Features
Adding Pointer Adjustments

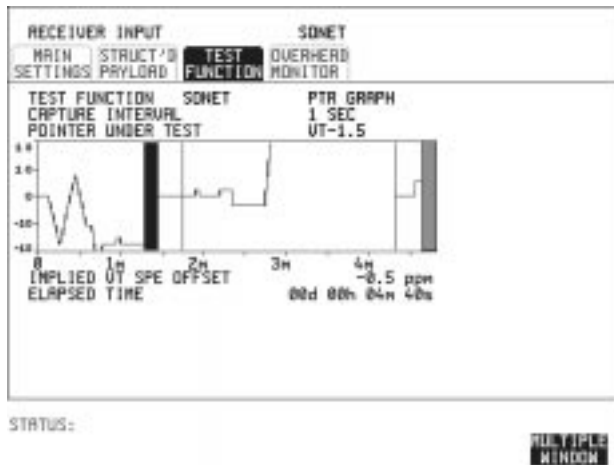
Table 1 **Pointer Sequences Available with Selected Mapping**

POINTER SEQUENCE	MAPPING		
	SPE	VT6, VT2	VT1.5
A1 SINGLE	✓	✓	✓
A2 BURST OF 3	✓	✓	✓
A3 PHASE TRANSIENT	✓	✓	✓
A4 PERIODIC NORMAL(87-3)	✓		
A4 PERIODIC NORMAL (Continuous)	✓	✓	✓
PERIODIC NORMAL (26-1)			✓
A5 PERIODIC ADD (87-3)	✓		
A5 PERIODIC ADD (Continuous)	✓	✓	✓
PERIODIC ADD (26-1)			✓
A5 PERIODIC CANCEL (g) 87-3	✓		
A5 PERIODIC CANCEL (Continuous)	✓	✓	✓
PERIODIC CANCEL 26-1			✓

Using Pointer Graph Test Function

Pointer Graph shows the relative offset during the measurement period. This allows the time relationship of SPE or VT pointer movements to be observed. Up to 4 days of storage allows long term effects such as Wander to be observed. If an alarm occurs during the measurement period, a new graph starts at the centre of the display (offset zero) after recovery from the alarm.

TIP: The Pointer Graph display can be logged to the chosen logging device. See "Logging on Demand " page 110.



TIP: The graph can also be viewed on the **RESULTS** **SONET RESULTS** display at the end of the measurement.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive SNET interface and payload as required. See "Setting SNET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 2 Choose the CAPTURE INTERVAL required.
The capture interval determines the time between captures. Low values of capture interval should be chosen when a high degree of pointer movements is expected.
High values of capture interval should be chosen when a low degree of pointer movements is expected, for example Wander over 1 day, use 5 MINS and Wander over 4 days, use 20 MINS.

Selecting Test Features

Using Pointer Graph Test Function

If, during a long term measurement (4 days), an event occurs at a particular time each day, a short term measurement can be made at the identified time to gain more detail of the event.

- 3 Choose the POINTER UNDER TEST type.
- 4 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.

TIP:

If the event occurs outside normal working hours, a Timed Start measurement can be made.

1 SEC - display window of approximately 5 minutes.

5 SECS - display window of approximately 25 minutes.

20 SECS - display window of approximately 1 hour 40 minutes.

1 MIN - display window of approximately 5 hours.

5 MIN - display window of approximately 1 day.

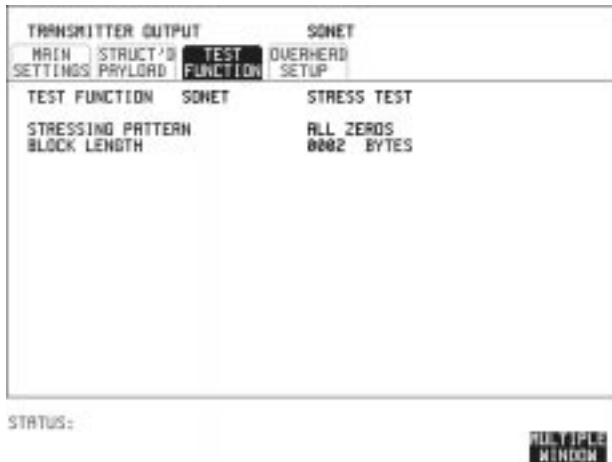
20 MIN - display window of approximately 4 days.

Stressing Optical Clock Recovery Circuits

Description

Ideally clock recovery circuits in the network equipment optical interfaces should recover the clock even in the presence of long strings of 0's. You can check the performance of your optical clock recovery circuits using the STRESS TEST test function.

The stress test is available at all optical rates.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
Choose the required STRESSING PATTERN.
The G.958 test pattern consists of 7 consecutive blocks of data as follows:
the first row of section overhead bytes, ALL ONES, a PRBS, the first row of section overhead bytes, ALL ZEROS, a PRBS and the first row of section overhead bytes.
- 2 If you choose ALL ONES or ALL ZEROS as the stressing pattern, choose the number of bytes in the BLOCK LENGTH.

Generating Automatic Protection Switch Messages

Description

You can program the K1 and K2 bytes to exercise the APS functions for Both LINEAR (ITU-T G.783) and RING (ITU-T G.841) topologies.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 Choose the ITU-T TOPOLOGY required.
- 3 Choose the message to be transmitted.
If LINEAR topology is chosen, choose the CHANNEL, the BRIDGED CHANNEL NO., the ARCHITECTURE and the RESERVED bits you require.
If RING topology is chosen, choose the DESTINATION NODE ID, the SOURCE NODE ID, the type of PATH and the status code (K2 Bits 6->8)
The current TX and RX, K1 and K2, values are displayed for reference only.
- 4 Choose **DOWNLOAD** to transmit the new K1/K2 values.

Inserting & Dropping Data Communications Channel

Description

The Data Communications Channel (DCC) of the regenerator and multiplexer section overhead can be verified by protocol testing. The Insert and Drop capability provides access to the DCC via the RS-449 connector on the front panel of the Multirate Analyser module.

DCC INSERT is available on the **TRANSMIT**, **SONET**, **TEST FUNCTION** display.

DCC DROP is available on the **RECEIVE** **SONET** **TEST FUNCTION** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the Protocol Analyzer to the DCC port on the Multirate Analyser module.
- 2 Choose the required DCC.

Selecting Test Features

Inserting & Dropping Data Communications Channel

Making Measurements

Using Overhead BER Test Function

Description

You can perform a Bit Error Rate test on chosen bytes of the section, line and path overhead bytes.

You can access the transmit Overhead BER on the **TRANSMIT** **SONET TEST FUNCTION** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the SONET transmit interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 Set up the receive SONET interface and payload as required. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.
- 3 Choose the overhead byte to be tested on the **RECEIVE** **SONET TEST FUNCTION** display.
- 4 Choose the overhead byte to be tested on the **TRANSMIT** **SONET TEST FUNCTION** display.
- 5 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the test.
- 6 The PRBS pattern can be errored by pressing **SINGLE**.

Test Timing

Description

There are two aspects to test timing:

- Error results may be displayed as short term or cumulative over the measurement period. If short term error measurements are required, the short term period may be selected.
- The period of the test may be defined or controlled manually.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose **TIMING CONTROL** on the **RESULTS** display.
- 2 Choose the SHORT TERM PERIOD to the timing required for short term results.
- 3 Choose the type of TEST TIMING required:
For manual control with **RUN/STOP** choose **MANUAL**.
For a single timed measurement period started with **RUN/STOP**, choose **SINGLE** and choose the Test duration.
For a timed period starting at a specified time, choose **TIMED**, choose the Test duration and the test START date and time.

Making SONET Analysis Measurements

Description

G.826, M.2101, M.2110 and M.2120 analysis results are provided for all relevant SONET error sources.

In addition the following results are provided:

- Cumulative error count and error ratio
- Short Term error count and error ratio
- Alarm Seconds
- Frequency
- Pointer Values
- Pointer Graph



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive SONET interface and payload required. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.
- 2 If required set up the SONET transmit interface and payload. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 3 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.
- 4 You can view the analysis results on the **RESULTS SONET ANALYSIS** display.

TIP:

The measurement will not be affected if you switch between the different results provided.

Making DSn Analysis Measurements

Description

G.821, G.826, M.2100, M.2110 and M.2120 analysis results are provided for all relevant DSn and DSn Payload error sources.

In addition the following results are provided:

Cumulative error count and error ratio

Short Term error count and error ratio

Alarm Seconds

SIG/BIT Monitor. See "Monitoring Signaling Bits " page 76.

RESULTS	DSn	ERROR ANALYSIS		
G.821	G.826	M.2100	M.2110	M.2120
BIT				
EC	126	And	ES	2.322400
ES	11			6.010530
EPS	172			93.303087
SES	0			0.000000
UMRU	21			10.294127
BEG MIN	1			25.000000
BPV ES	5			
ELAPSED TIME				00d 00h 03m 24s

STATUS: MULTIPLE WINDOW

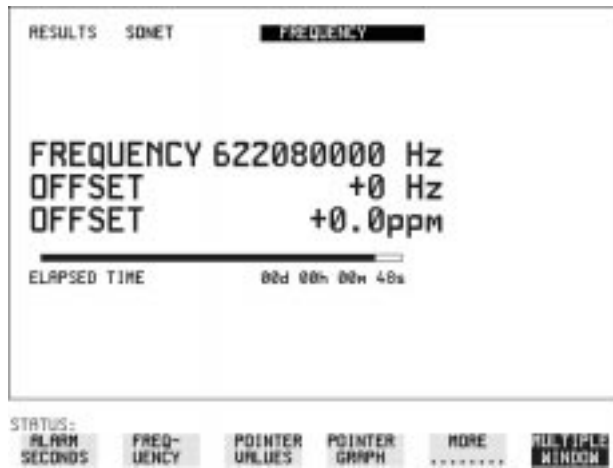
HOW TO:

- 1 If SONET is chosen as the interface, set up the Receive Interface and Payload required. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17. If required set up the Transmit Interface and Payload. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4.
- 2 If DSn is chosen as the interface, set up the DSn receive interface. See "Setting DSn Receive Interface " page 15. If required set up the DSn transmit interface. See "Setting DSn Transmit Interface " page 2.
- 3 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.
- 4 If SONET is chosen as the interface, you can view the analysis results on the **RESULTS** **DSn PAYLOAD** **ERROR ANALYSIS** display
If DSn is chosen as the interface, you can view the analysis results on the **RESULTS** **DSn** **ERROR ANALYSIS** display.

Measuring Frequency

Description

The signal frequency and the amount of offset from the standard rate can be measured to give an indication of probability of errors.



HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the signal to be measured to the IN port of the DSN Receive module or the IN port of the Multirate Analyzer module (SONET electrical) or the IN port of the Optical Interface module (SONET optical).

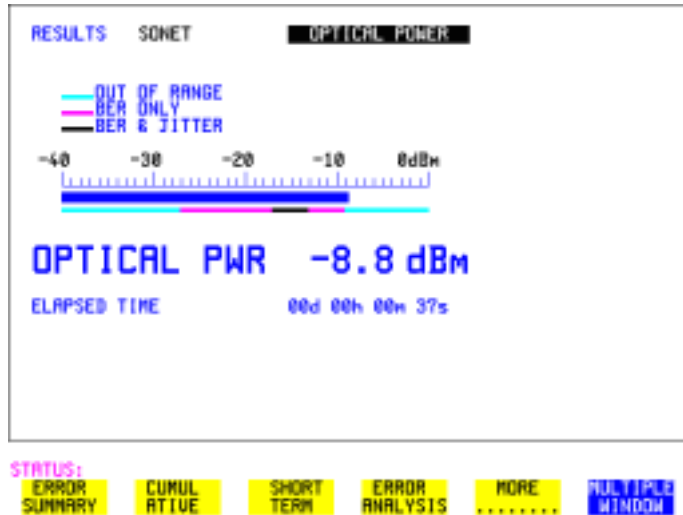
NOTE

Frequency measurement is always available even if test timing is off.

Measuring Optical Power

Description

Optical power measurement can be performed on the SONET signal connected to the Optical module IN port.



HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the SONET optical signal to the IN port of the Optical Interface module.
- 2 Choose the received input signal rate on the **RECEIVE** **SONET** display.

NOTE

Optical power measurement is always available even if test timing is off.

Measuring Round Trip Delay

Description:

The time taken for voice traffic to pass through the network is very important. Excessive delay can make speech difficult to understand. The Round Trip Delay feature of the HP 37718A measures the delay in a 64 kb/s timeslot.

A test pattern is transmitted in the 64 kb/s timeslot and a timer is set running. A loopback is applied to the network equipment to return the test signal. The received pattern stops the timer and the Round Trip Delay is calculated.



NOTE

You can only measure Round Trip Delay on a 64 kb/s test signal obtained from a 34 Mb/s or 2 Mb/s DS_n interface or DS_n payload signal.

HOW TO:

- 1 If measuring on an SONET interface, set up the SONET transmit and receive interfaces and payloads required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface" page 4 and "Setting SONET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 2 If measuring on a DS_n interface, set up the DS_n transmit and receive interfaces and payloads required. See "Setting DS_n Transmit Interface" page 2 and "Setting DS_n Receive Interface" page 15.
- 3 Connect a loopback to the network equipment.

Making Measurements

Measuring Round Trip Delay

- 4 Choose ACTION **ON** to start the measurement.
If measuring on an SONET interface, the results are available on the **RESULTS DS_n PAYLOAD** display.
If measuring on a DS_n interface, the results are available on the **RESULTS DS_n** display.

The Round Trip delay measurement range is up to 2 seconds. The resolution varies with the received interface signal rate:

2 Mb/s	1 microsecond
34 Mb/s	110 microseconds
STS-1, STS-3	0.5 milliseconds
OC-12, OC-48	0.5 milliseconds

Monitoring Signaling Bits

Description

The HP 37718A receiver can be used to monitor the state of signaling bits in received 2 Mb/s signals with timeslot-16 CAS multiframing (PCM30 or PCM30CRC) and DS1 structured signals.

2.048 Mb/s Results

For 2 Mb/s signals with timeslot-16 CAS multiframing a table showing the values of A,B,C,D signaling bits in all 30 channels is given.

DS1 Results

D4 and SLC-96 payloads

A table simultaneously showing the state of the A and B signaling bits in the 6th and 12th frames of a superframe is given. Each frame contains 24 timeslots. In SLC-96 mode A and B choices are 0, 1 or alternating. If you set bit A or B to alternate, the displayed bit changes to an A, to indicate that the bit is alternating from 1 to 0. The same signaling is transmitted in all channels.

ESF Payloads

A table simultaneously showing the state of the A, B, C and D signaling bits in the 6th, 12th, 18th and 24th frames of a superframe is given. Each frame contains 24 timeslots.

TS	ABCD	TS	ABCD	TS	ABCD	TS	ABCD
1	1100	7	1111	13	1111	19	1111
2	1111	8	1111	14	1111	20	1111
3	1111	9	1111	15	1111	21	1111
4	1111	10	1111	16	1111	22	1111
5	1111	11	1111	17	1111	23	1111
6	1111	12	1111	18	1111	24	1111

STATUS:
ERROR SUMMARY CUMUL-RTIME SHORT TERM ERROR ANALYSIS MORE FUNCTION WINDOW

Measuring Service Disruption Time

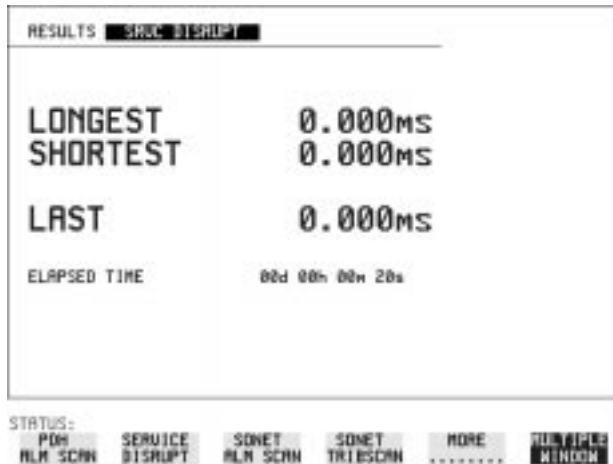
Description:

Protection switching ensures that data integrity is maintained and revenue protected when equipment failure occurs. The speed of operation of the protection switch can be measured.

The sequence of events involved in measuring the switching time is:

- Pattern Synchronization (no errors) is achieved.
- The protection switch is invoked - Pattern Synchronization is lost.
- The standby line is in place - Pattern Synchronization is regained.

The time interval between pattern sync loss and pattern sync gain is a measure of the disruption of service due to protection switching.



Service Disruption is chosen on the **RESULTS** page except for the following configuration:

- If you choose a DS_n or SONET interface and an ANSI (DS1, DS3) framed, unstructured payload you must select Service Disruption on the Transmitter and Receiver **TEST FUNCTION** display.

Making Measurements

Measuring Service Disruption Time



NOTE

At DS1 and DS3 Service Disruption results are only available for Unstructured payloads.

Error Burst Definition

Error bursts start and finish with an error. Bursts of less than 10 us are ignored.

Bursts are assumed to have completed when >2000ms elapses without any errors being received.

The longest burst detected is 2 seconds.

Accuracy

300 us for DS1, 2Mb/s and 34Mb/s signals.

60 us for DS3 signals.

HOW TO:

- 1 If interfacing at SONET set up the SONET transmit and receive interfaces and payloads required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4 and "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.
- 2 If interfacing at DS_n set up the DS_n transmit and receive interfaces and payloads as required. See "Setting DS_n Transmit Interface " page 2 and "Setting DS_n Receive Interface " page 15.
- 3 If you choose a DS1 or DS3 framed unstructured payload, choose **SERVICE DISRUPT** on the **TRANSMIT** and **RECEIVE TEST FUNCTION** displays.

Making Measurements

Measuring Service Disruption Time

- 4 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.
- 5 Invoke the protection switch.
- 6 View the results on the **RESULTS** **SRVC DISRUPT** display.

Results Displayed

LONGEST - Longest burst of errors during measurement.

SHORTEST - Shortest burst of errors during measurement.

LAST - Length of last burst of errors detected during measurement.

Performing a SONET Tributary Scan

Description

Tributary Scan tests each tributary for error free operation and no occurrence of Pattern Loss. A failure is indicated by highlighting the tributary in which the failure occurred. The **TRANSMIT SONET MAIN SETTINGS** mapping setup determines the tributary structure. The HP 37718A will configure the Transmitter to the Receiver and the PATTERN is forced to the payload it will fill.

TIP:

The SONET Tributary Scan display can be logged to the chosen logging device. See "Logging on Demand " page 110.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the transmit and receive SONET interfaces and payload as required. See "Setting SONET Transmit Interface " page 4 and "Setting SONET Receive Interface " page 17.
- 2 Choose the required BIT ERROR THRESHOLD.
This determines the error rate above which a failure is declared.
- 3 Choose the required TEST TIMING.
The value you choose is the test time for each individual tributary and not the total test time.
For example, 28 VT-1.5 tributaries in an STS-1 SPE - the time taken to complete the Tributary Scan will be 28 X TEST TIMING choice.

Performing an SONET Alarm Scan

Description

SONET Alarm Scan tests each channel for alarm free operation and identifies and indicates any Unequipped channels. You can configure the Scan to check for the occurrence of any Path layer CV errors above a chosen threshold.

The channel in which an alarm occurred is highlighted if any of the following alarms occur:

STS SPE: LOP-P, RDI-P, AIS-P,

VT-1.5: LOP-P, AIS-P, RDI-P, H4 LOM, LOP-V, AIS-V, RDI-V

TIP:

The SONET Alarm Scan display can be logged to the chosen logging device. See "Logging on Demand " page 110.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive SONET interface and payload as required. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 2 Choose **SONET ALM SCAN** on the **RESULTS** display.
- 3 Choose AUTO or RX SETTINGS.
RX SETTINGS: The scan checks the structure set on the **RECEIVE SONET** display.
AUTO: The scan checks the structure being received. This can be particularly useful when receiving mixed payloads.
- 4 Choose the CV error threshold.
- 5 Choose **START** to start the Alarm Scan.

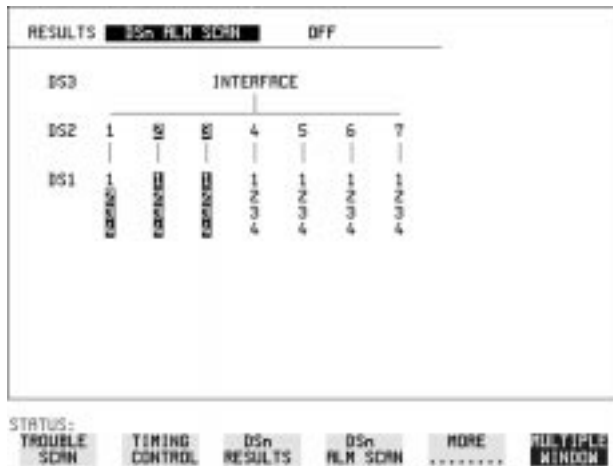
Performing a DSn Alarm Scan

Description

DSn Alarm Scan tests each channel for the following alarms:

- Frame Loss
- RAI
- AIS

The channel in which an alarm occurs is highlighted.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive DSn interface as required. See “Setting DSn Receive Interface” page 15.
- 2 Choose **ON** to start the Alarm Scan.

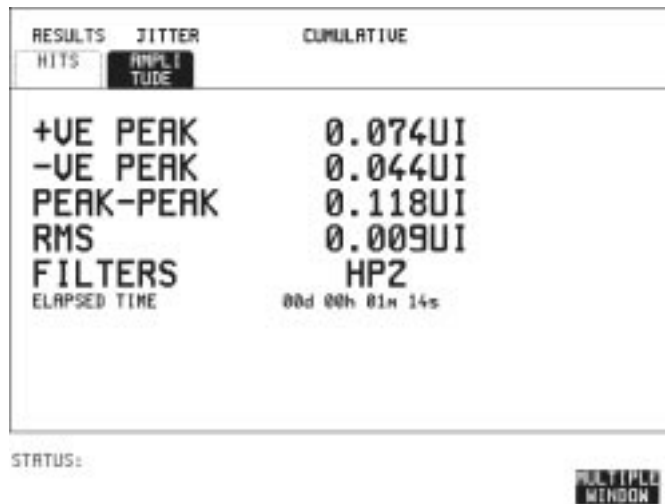
Measuring Jitter

Description:

Jitter and error measurements are made simultaneously when a jitter option is fitted. The measurements are made on the normal input to the DS_n or SONET receiver and the interface selections are the normal DS_n or SONET Receiver selections.

Cumulative and Short Term results of Jitter Amplitude and Jitter Hits are provided on the **RESULTS JITTER** display.

Graph and Text results for Jitter Transfer and Jitter Tolerance are also provided.



HOW TO:

- 1 If measuring Jitter on a DS_n signal, set up the receive DS_n interface and the receive Jitter interface. See “Setting DS_n Receive Interface” page 15 and “Setting Jitter Receive Interface” page 18.
- 2 If measuring Jitter on an SONET signal, set up the receive SONET interface and the receive Jitter interface. See “Setting SONET Receive Interface” page 17 and “Setting Jitter Receive Interface” page 18.

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Measuring Jitter

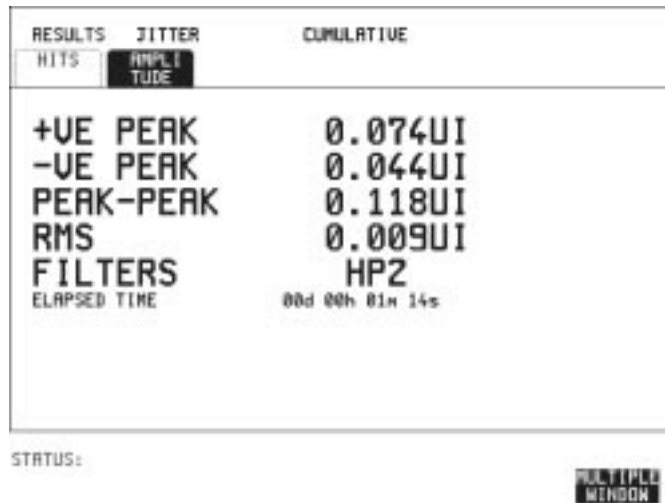
- 3 If performing a Jitter Tolerance measurement, See “Measuring Jitter Tolerance” page 89.
If performing a Jitter Transfer measurement, See “Measuring Jitter Transfer” page 92.
- 4 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.
- 5 You can view the Jitter hits and Amplitude results on the **RESULTS** **JITTER** display.

Measuring Extended Jitter

Description:

Extended jitter measurements are made in a jitter bandwidth of 0.1 Hz to 25 kHz. These measurements are made at the upper end of the standard wander frequency range and the lower end of the standard jitter frequency range.

When **EXTENDED** is chosen Jitter results are provided. Cumulative and Short Term results of Jitter Amplitude and Jitter Hits are provided on the **RESULTS** **JITTER** display.



The screenshot shows a terminal-style display with the following content:

RESULTS	JITTER	CUMULATIVE
HITS	AMPLITUDE	
+VE PEAK		0.074UI
-VE PEAK		0.044UI
PEAK-PEAK		0.118UI
RMS		0.009UI
FILTERS		HPZ
ELAPSED TIME		00d 00h 01m 14s

Below the table, the text "STATUS:" is visible on the left, and a "MULTIPLE WINDOW" button is on the right.

HOW TO:

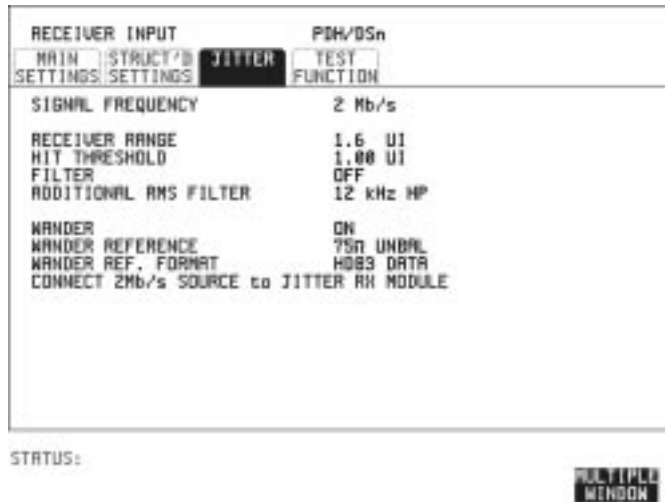
- 1 If measuring Extended Jitter on a DS_n signal, set up the receive DS_n interface and the receive Jitter interface. See "Setting DS_n Receive Interface" page 15 and "Setting Extended Jitter Receive Interface" page 19.
- 2 If measuring Extended Jitter on an SONET signal, set up the receive SONET interface and the receive Jitter interface. See "Setting SONET Receive Interface" page 17 and "Setting Extended Jitter Receive Interface" page 19.
- 3 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.

Measuring Wander

Description:

Accurate Wander measurements require a Wander reference derived from the SONET Clock module. Wander results are displayed in UI and nanoseconds and Jitter Amplitude and Jitter Hits results are available.

When wander is measured at 2 Mb/s, Estimated Bit and Frame slips are calculated and a Bar Graph shows the cumulative Wander over the measurement period.



HOW TO:

Make the Measurement

- 1 To obtain the Wander reference from the DS_n transmitter connect REF OUT on the SONET Clock module to REF IN on the DS_n Jitter TX module. Choose SIGNAL **2 Mb/s** on the **TRANSMIT PDH/DS_n MAIN SETTINGS** display, choose CLOCK SYNC **WANDER REF IN** and choose the SOURCE required from the menu. See “Setting DS_n Transmit Interface” page 2.
- 2 To obtain the Wander reference from the SONET transmitter choose the required reference from the CLOCK menu on the **TRANSMIT SONET MAIN SETTINGS** display. See, “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4.
- 3 If measuring wander at a DS_n rate set up the DS_n receive interface. See, “Setting DS_n Receive Interface” page 15.

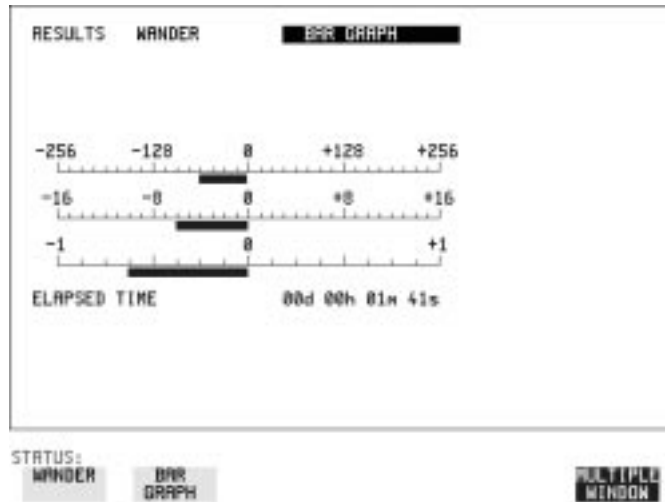
Making Measurements

Measuring Wander

- 4 If measuring wander at a SONET rate set up the SONET receive interface. See, "Setting SONET Receive Interface" page 17.
- 5 Choose MEASUREMENT TYPE **WANDER**.
- 6 Choose the WANDER HIT THRESHOLD level - if the received wander exceeds the value chosen a wander hit is recorded.
- 7 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement.

HOW TO:

View the Results



- 1 Choose **WANDER** on the **RESULTS** display and choose the display units required:
 - TIME displays the wander results in nanoseconds.
 - UI displays the wander results in Unit IntervalsIf you are measuring wander at 2 Mb/s Estimated Bit slips and Estimated Frame slip results are provided and a **GRAPH** choice is added to the menu.
 - If **GRAPH** is chosen the cumulative wander results are displayed in graphical form. The Graphs are additive and in the example shown above the Wander is -76.5 BITS.

NOTE

Estimated Bit Slips signify the slippage from the start of the measurement.

One Estimated Frame Slip corresponds to 256 Bit Slips.

Implied Frequency Offset is calculated from the Wander results.

Measuring Jitter Tolerance

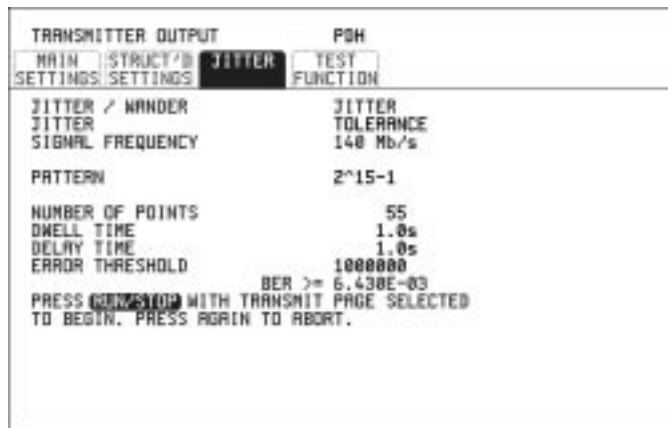
Description:

The jitter auto tolerance feature provides jitter tolerance measurements within the relevant ITU-T mask, G.823 for DS_n, G.958, G.825 and Bellcore GR-253 for SONET.

Jitter is generated at a range of frequencies within the mask and an error measurement is made. If no errors occur (PASS), the jitter amplitude at that frequency point is increased until errors occur (FAIL) or the maximum jitter amplitude is reached. The highest jitter amplitude at which PASS occurs is plotted on the graph as the Jitter Tolerance for that jitter frequency.

TIP:

The transmitter and receiver can be set to different rates to allow testing across multiplexers, for example transmitter set to STS-3 with embedded DS-3 and receiver set to DS-3.



STATUS:

MULTIPL
WINDOW

HOW TO:

Make the Measurement

- 1 If you are performing jitter tolerance on the DS_n signal, set up the DS_n transmit and receive interfaces. See “Setting DS_n Transmit Interface” page 2 and “Setting DS_n Receive Interface” page 15.

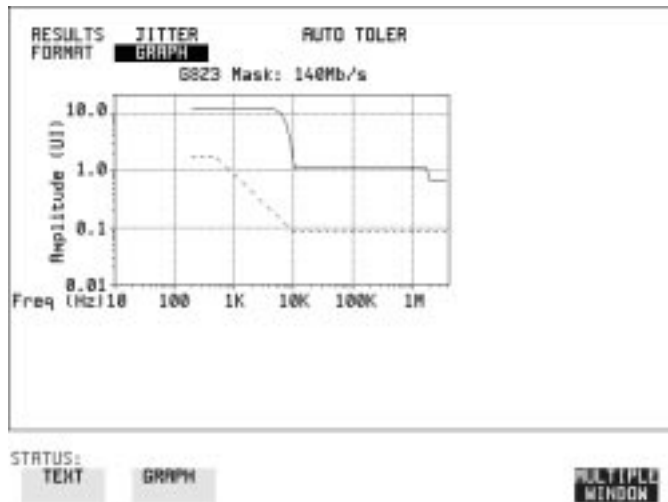
Making Measurements

Measuring Jitter Tolerance

- 2 If you are performing jitter tolerance on the SONET signal, set up the SONET transmit and receive interfaces. See “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4 and “Setting SONET Receive Interface” page 17.
- 3 If SONET is chosen as the interface, choose the SONET MASK. TYPE A masks as per ITU-T G.958 have good jitter tolerance and the mask corner points are modified to compensate. TYPE B masks as per ITU-T G.958 have poorer jitter tolerance but a narrower jitter transfer function and the mask corner points are modified to compensate.
- 4 Choose the required test PATTERN.
- 5 Choose the NUMBER OF POINTS at which jitter is transmitted (3 to 55)
- 6 Choose the DWELL TIME - the time jitter is generated at each jitter frequency point (1 to 99.9 seconds).
- 7 Choose the DELAY TIME - the time delay between the jitter frequency/amplitude being applied and the error measurement being made. This allows the network equipment to settle as jitter frequency is changed. (0 to 99.9 seconds).
- 8 Choose the ERROR THRESHOLD.
If ANY ERRORS is chosen, any BIP or BIT error will result in a FAIL.
If BIT ERRORS is chosen, choose a value between 1 and 1,000,000 to determine the bit error threshold for the jitter tolerance PASS/FAIL decision.
BER \geq shows the bit error ratio calculated from the bit error threshold choice and the dwell time choice.
- 9 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the jitter auto tolerance measurement. The measurements progress can be monitored on the **TRANSMIT** display. At the end of the test the results can be viewed on the **TRANSMIT** or **RESULTS** displays. The **TRANSMIT** display is cleared when **TRANSMIT** is pressed but the results remain on the **RESULTS** display until the next jitter tolerance measurement is made.

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Measuring Jitter Tolerance



HOW TO:

View the Results

- 1 Choose the results FORMAT.

If **GRAPH** is chosen, a plot of the jitter tolerance results against the ITU-T mask is displayed.

If **TEXT** is chosen, the results from which the graph is constructed are displayed, Point number, Frequency, Mask amplitude, Tolerance, Result.

If applicable, results 13 through 55 can be viewed on pages 2 through 5.

If you wish to log the jitter tolerance results to a printer, See “Logging Jitter Tolerance Results” page 112.

Measuring Jitter Transfer

Description:

You can perform Jitter transfer measurements at each of the four DS_n rates, STS-3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48. The jitter generator provides the stimulus for the jitter transfer measurement.

Narrow band filtering is used in the jitter receiver thus allowing selection and measurement of the relevant jitter components to provide accurate and repeatable results.

The jitter transfer results are presented in graphical and tabular form. Graphical results are plotted as Gain V Frequency.

The relevant Pass Mask (ITU-T G.823 for DS_n, ITU-T G.958 and Bellcore GR-253 for SONET) is also displayed on the graph.

NOTE

1. The Transmitter and Receiver must be set to the same interface rate.

HOW TO:

Achieve the required accuracy:

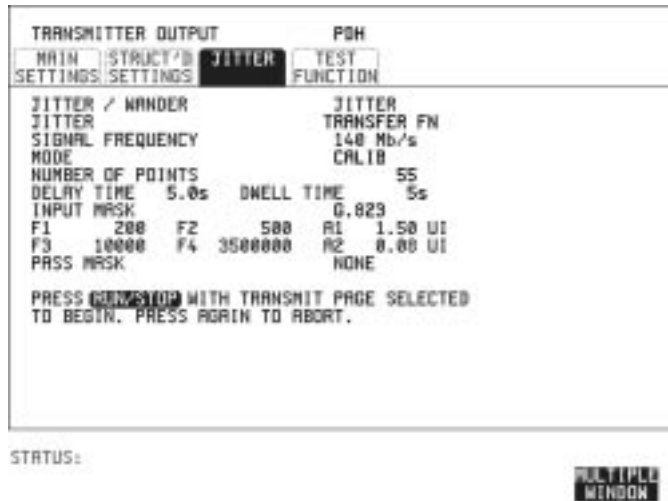
- 1 The HP 37718A must be connected back to back in order to perform a calibration cycle before making a Jitter Transfer measurement.
- 2 The HP 37718A must have been switched on for 1 hour before starting a calibration cycle.
- 3 The climatic conditions must remain stable from switch-on to end of measurement.
- 4 The Jitter Transfer measurement must be started within 10 minutes of completion of the Calibration.
- 5 If maximum Delay time, maximum Dwell time and maximum number of Points is selected, the accuracy specification cannot be guaranteed as the time from start of calibration to end of measurement (test period) will be approximately two hours. It is recommended that the maximum test period does not exceed 90 minutes.
Test Period = Delay Time + Dwell Time + 5 Seconds X Number of Points X 2 (Calibration + Measurement).

NOTE

For best results, a Dwell Time of 20 seconds and a Delay Time of 10 seconds, are recommended.

Making Measurements

Measuring Jitter Transfer



HOW TO: Perform Jitter Transfer Calibration

NOTE

The CALIBRATION should always be carried out with LEVEL **TERMINATE** selected on the **RECEIVE** **JITTER** display.

- 1 If DS_n Jitter Transfer is required, set up the DS_n transmit and receive interfaces, the receive jitter interface and connect DS_n IN to DS_n OUT. See “Setting DS_n Transmit Interface” page 2, “Setting DS_n Receive Interface” page 15 and “Setting Jitter Receive Interface” page 18.
- 2 If OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 Optical Jitter Transfer is required, set up the SONET transmit and receive interfaces, the receive jitter interface and connect the OUT port of the Optical module to the IN port of the Optical module. See “Setting SONET Transmit Interface” page 4, “Setting SONET Receive Interface” page 17 and “Setting Jitter Receive Interface” page 18.

CAUTION

If OC-3/12/48 SONET Jitter Transfer is required, a 15 dB attenuator must be connected between the IN and OUT ports of the Optical module.

- 3 If you wish to measure STS-3 electrical jitter transfer, connect IN port to OUT port on the SONET module.

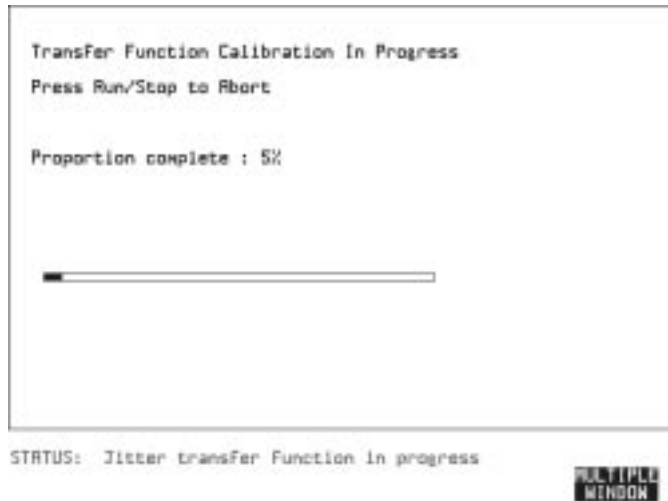
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- 4 Choose JITTER **TRANSFER FUNCTION** on the **TRANSMIT JITTER** display.
- 5 Choose the NUMBER OF POINTS at which jitter is transmitted (3 to 55)
- 6 Choose the DWELL TIME - the time jitter is generated at each jitter frequency point (5 to 30 seconds).
- 7 Choose the DELAY TIME - the time delay between the jitter frequency/amplitude being applied and the error measurement being made. This allows the network equipment to settle as jitter frequency is changed (5 to 30 seconds).
- 8 Choose the INPUT MASK.
If measuring SONET jitter transfer, the ITU-T G.958 mask can be Type A or Type B and the Bellcore GR-253 mask can be High or Low. TYPE A masks have good jitter tolerance and the mask corner points are modified to compensate.
TYPE B masks have poorer jitter tolerance but a narrower jitter transfer function and the mask corner points are modified to compensate.
GR-253 Low mask covers the lower frequency band.
GR-253 High mask covers the upper frequency band.
If measuring 2 Mb/s jitter transfer, a Q Factor choice is provided. Your Q Factor choice should match the network equipment regenerator Q Factor.
LOW Q systems have good jitter tolerance and the mask corner points are modified to compensate.
High Q systems have poorer jitter tolerance but a narrower jitter transfer function and the mask corner points are modified to compensate.
If **G.823** (DSn) or **G.958** (SONET) is chosen the mask frequencies and amplitudes are displayed for information purposes.
If **USER** is chosen, choose the mask jitter frequencies, F1, F2, F3 and F4, and mask jitter amplitudes A1 and A2.
- 9 Choose MODE **CALIB** and press **RUN/STOP** to start the calibration. The Jitter Transfer display is replaced by an information display for the duration of the Calibration.
A bar graph showing the progress of the calibration will appear on the display.
When the Calibration is complete, the display will revert to the **TRANSMIT JITTER** display.

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HOW TO: Start the Jitter Transfer Measurement

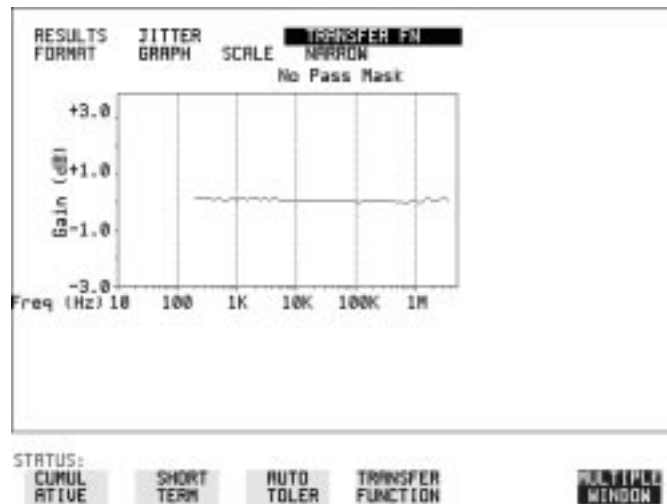
NOTE

The Jitter Transfer measurement must be started within 10 minutes of the completion of calibration.

- 1 After the CALIBRATION is completed, remove the back to back connection from the DS_n or SONET or optical interfaces.
If the measurement is to be made at a network equipment monitor point, choose **MONITOR** on the DS_n or SONET **RECEIVE** display before making the jitter transfer measurement.
- 2 Choose MODE **MEASURE** on the **TRANSMIT JITTER** display and press **RUN/STOP**.
The measurement's progress can be monitored on the **TRANSMIT** display. At the end of the test the graph can be viewed on the **RESULTS JITTER** display.

Making Measurements

Measuring Jitter Transfer



HOW TO:

View the Results

- 1 Choose the results **FORMAT**.
If **GRAPH** is chosen, a plot of the jitter transfer results against the ITU-T mask is displayed.
If **TEXT** is chosen, the results from which the graph is constructed are displayed: Point number, Frequency, Mask amplitude (dB), Jitter Gain (dB), Result.
If applicable, results 13 through 55 can be viewed on pages 2 through 5.
- 2 If **GRAPH** is chosen, choose the **SCALE** required.
WIDE provides a vertical axis range of +5 to -60 dB and is recommended for viewing the high frequency portion of the graph. This allows a clearer view of the difference between the actual result and the ITU-T pass mask.
NARROW provides a vertical axis range of +3 to -3 dB and is recommended for viewing the low frequency portion of the graph. This allows a clearer view of the difference between the actual result and the ITU-T pass mask.
- 3 If you wish to log the jitter tolerance results to a printer, See “Logging Jitter Transfer Results” page 114.

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Saving Graphics Results to Instrument Store

Description

Graphical representation of measurement results is very useful particularly during a long measurement period. It provides an overview of the results and can be printed for record keeping.

Graphics results can be stored in instrument graph storage or on floppy disk.



HOW TO:

- 1 Before starting your measurement, choose the GRAPH STORAGE resolution and location.
The resolution chosen affects the ZOOM capability when viewing the bar graphs. If 1 MIN is selected, 1 MIN/BAR, 15 MINS/BAR and 60 MINS/BAR are available. If 15 MINS is selected, 15 MINS/BAR and 60 MINS/BAR are available. If 1 HOUR is selected, 60 MINS/BAR is available.
The graphics results can be stored in the instrument - INTERNAL or stored on DISK. Storage to disk will use a default file name unless a file name is specified on the **OTHER** **FLOPPY DISK** display. See "Saving Graphics Results to Disk" page 140.
- 2 Press **RUN/STOP** to start the measurement. Graphical results will be stored in the chosen location.

Recalling Stored Graph Results

Description

Results stored from a previous measurement can be recalled to the graphics displays for viewing and printing.

STORE	STORE DATE	STORE TIME	USED	STORE USE
DISK				
-9				
-8				
-7				
-6				
-5				
-4				
-3				
-2	10-JUL-1997	15:20	16h 20h 34s	2%
-1	11-JUL-1997	07:50	00h 01h 04s	<1%
LAST	12-JUL-1997	07:51	00h 01h 19s	1%
STORAGE 1 SEC			TOTAL USED	2%
RESOL'N COMPRESSED			RAM FREE	98%
FREE STORE 19626 EVENTS				

STATUS:
GRAPH RESULTS TEXT RESULTS DELETE STORE DELETE ALL MULTIPLE WINDOW



HOW TO:

- 1 If currently viewing the bar graph display, select **TEXT RESULTS** then **STORE STATUS**. If currently viewing the error or alarm summary, select **STORE STATUS**.
- 2 Using **↑** and **↓**, move the highlighted cursor to the store location which contains the required results.
If the required results are stored on Disk, move the highlighted cursor to DISK and choose RECALL GRAPHICS on the FLOPPY DISK display. See "Recalling Graphics Results from Disk" page 145.
- 3 Choose **GRAPH RESULTS** if you wish to view the bar graphs.
The display will change to the bar graph display of the highlighted results.
- 4 Choose **TEXT RESULTS** if you wish to view the error and alarm Summaries.
The display will change to the text results display of the highlighted results.
DELETE STORE deletes the results in the highlighted store.
If **DELETE ALL** is chosen, a **CONFIRM DELETE**; **ABORT DELETE** choice prevents accidental deletion of all the stored results.

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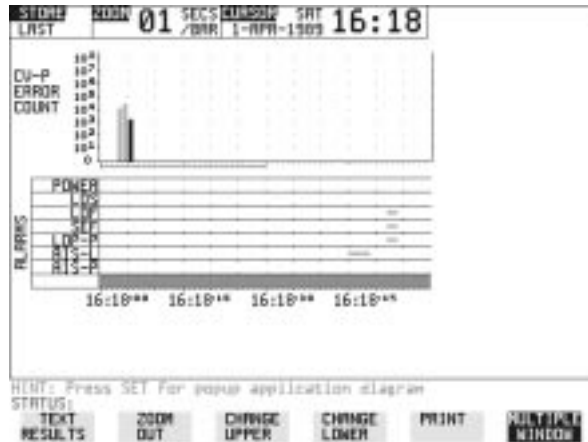
The top row of the display comprises five fields:

Store	Memory location in which the displayed bar graph data is stored. Move the highlighted cursor, to the STORE location desired, using  and  .
Start Date	The start date of the test, which produced the stored results.
Start Time	The start time of the test, which produced the stored results.
Test Duration	The duration of the test, which produced the stored results.
Store Use	The percentage (%) of the overall storage capacity occupied by each set of stored results. The TOTAL percentage used and the percentage still FREE is provided at the bottom of the STORE USE column.

Viewing the Bar Graph Display

Description

All the graphic results obtained during the measurement are available for viewing. Identify a period of interest and zoom in for more detailed examination.





HOW TO:

- 1 To view the current bar graphs, press **GRAPH** and use **CHANGE UPPER** and **CHANGE LOWER** to obtain the bar graphs required.
- 2 To view previously stored graphs, see "Recalling Stored Graph Results " page 99.
- 3 For more detailed inspection of the bar graph, position the cursor centrally within the area of interest using **→**, **←** and select **ZOOM IN** to reduce the time axis to 15 MINS/BAR. This is only possible if the graphics results were stored with a STORAGE resolution of 1 SEC,1 MINS or 15 MINS.
For further reduction of the time axis to 01 MINS/BAR or 01 SECS/ BAR, position the cursor centrally within the area of interest and select **ZOOM IN** until the required time axis is obtained.
The top row of the display comprises three fields:

Store Memory location in which the displayed bar graph data is stored. Store can only be changed when the status of stored results is displayed. See "Recalling Stored Graph Results " page 99.

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- Zoom** The width, in minutes, of each "bar" in the bar graph, controlled by **ZOOM IN** / **ZOOM OUT**.
- Cursor** The cursor position in terms of time and date, controlled by  and . The cursor position changes in steps of 1 second, 1 minute, 15 minutes or 60 minutes dependent upon the ZOOM setting. The cursor is physically located between the two graphs.

Viewing the Graphics Error and Alarm Summaries

Description

The error and alarm summaries of the measurement chosen are displayed on the **TEXT RESULTS** display. The error summary or alarm summary can be viewed at any time.

DSn ERROR SUMMARY		
	COUNT	RATIO
BIT	261865	1.423E-04
SPU	202187	3.715E-06
DS3 FRAME	838	2.365E-06
DS1 FRAME	12	1.877E-06
P-BIT	224151	4.197E-06
C-BIT	50271	3.424E-07
FEBE	16981	3.202E-07
CRC	N/A	N/A

STATUS:
 STORE STATUS GRAPH RESULTS PRINT NEXT SUMMARY ALARM SUMMARY MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 To view the error or alarm summary associated with the current bar graphs, press **GRAPH** then **TEXT RESULTS**.
- 2 To view the error or alarm summary associated with previously stored bar graphs, see "Recalling Stored Graph Results " page 99.
- 3 To view the Alarms which have occurred during the measurement, select **ALARM SUMMARY**. Use **NEXT SUMMARY** to view the DSn/DSn; and SONET Alarm Summaries in turn if applicable.
- 4 To view the Errors which have occurred during the measurement select **ERROR SUMMARY**. Use **NEXT SUMMARY** to view the DSn/DSn; and SONET Error Summaries in turn if applicable.

The top row of the display comprises three fields:

Store

Memory location in which the bar graphs, error summary and alarm summary are stored.

Store can only be changed when the status of stored results is displayed. See "Recalling Stored Graph Results " page 99.

Viewing the Graphics Error and Alarm Summaries

Start The start time and date of the test, that produced the displayed results.

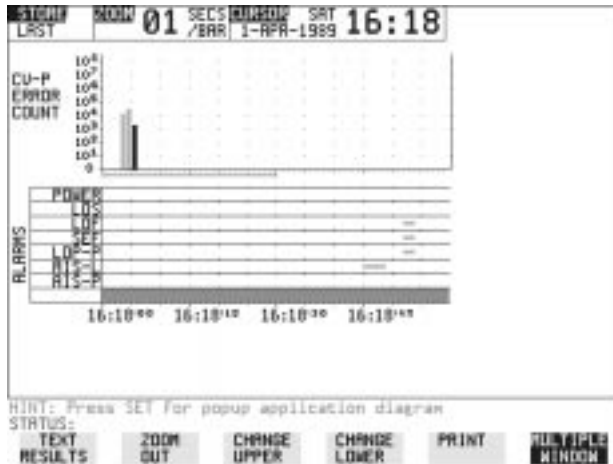
Stop The stop time and date of the test, that produced the displayed results.

Logging Graph Displays

Description

The bar graphs and error and alarm summaries can be logged to the disk for printing at a later date.

If Option 601, Remote Control, is fitted, the bar graphs and error and alarm summary can be logged to an external HP DeskJet printer at the end of the test period. If a printer is not immediately available, the graphics results remain in memory and can be logged at a later time when a printer becomes available.



HOW TO:

Log to an External Printer

- 1 Connect an external RS-232-C HP DeskJet printer to the HP 37718A RS232 port. See "Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer" page 119 or connect an external HP-IB HP DeskJet printer to the HP 37718A HP-IB port. See "Logging Results to HP-IB Printer" page 117 or connect a Parallel DeskJet printer to the HP 37718A Parallel port. See "Logging Results to Parallel (Centronics) Printer" page 116.
- 2 Make the required selections on the **OTHER LOGGING** display: LOGGING PORT [HPIB] or [RS232] or [PARALLEL] and LOGGING [ON].
- 3 To log the Error and Alarm summaries, the displayed Bar graphs and the Alarm graph to the printer, choose **PRINT** on the bar graph display.

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- 4 Choose to confirm or abort the print.
To confirm the print and only print the portion of the graph displayed and the summaries choose **THIS SCREEN**.
To confirm the print and print the graph for the whole measurement period and the summaries choose **CURSOR TO END**.
To abort the print choose **ABORT**.
- 5 To log the selected Error and Alarm summaries to the printer, choose **PRINT** on the Text Results display.

HOW TO:

Log to the Disk Drive

- 1 Insert a floppy disk in the disk drive.
- 2 Choose LOGGING PORT **DISK** on the **OTHER LOGGING** display.
Enter a filename on the **OTHER FLOPPY DISK** display. See "Saving Data Logging to Disk " page 142.
- 3 To log the Error and Alarm summaries, the displayed Bar graphs and the Alarm graph to the disk, choose **PRINT** on the bar graph display.
- 4 Choose to confirm or abort the print.
To confirm the print and only print the portion of the graph displayed and the summaries choose **THIS SCREEN**.
To confirm the print and print the graph for the whole measurement period and the summaries choose **CURSOR TO END**.
To abort the print choose **ABORT**.
- 5 To log the selected Error and Alarm summaries to the disk, choose **PRINT** on the Text Results display.

Logging Results

Description

Test Period Logging

If degradations in system performance can be observed at an early stage, then the appropriate remedial action can be taken to maximize circuit availability and avoid system crashes. Test period logging allows you to monitor the error performance of your circuit. At the end of the test period the selected results are logged. Results can be logged at regular intervals during the test period by selecting a LOGGING PERIOD of shorter duration than the test period. An instant summary of the results can be demanded by pressing **PRINT NOW** without affecting the test in progress.

Error Event Logging

Manual tracing of intermittent faults is time consuming. Error event logging allows you to carry out unattended long term monitoring of the circuit. Each occurrence of the selected error event is logged.

The results obtained during the test are retained in memory until they are overwritten by the next set of results. The results can be logged at any time during the test period and at the end of the test period. The results required are selected using **OTHER LOGGING LOGGING SETUP CONTROL**.

Any Alarm occurrence results in a timed and dated message being logged.

BER and Analysis results can be selected by the user.

Cumulative and Period versions of the results are calculated and can be selected by the user.

Period The results obtained over a set period of time during the test. The Period is defined by the LOGGING PERIOD selection.

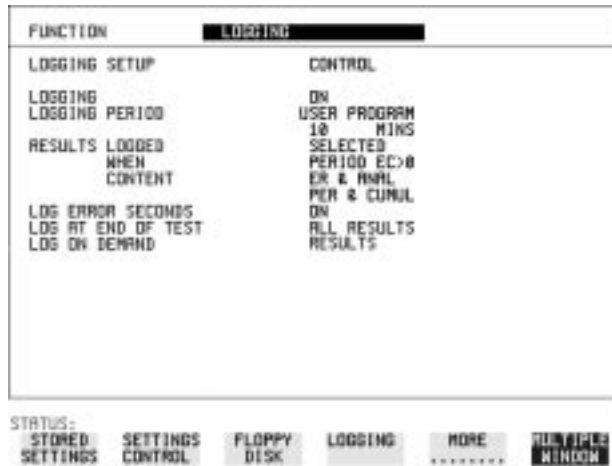
Cumulative The results obtained over the time elapsed since the start of the test.

The results can be logged to the following devices, selectable using **OTHER LOGGING LOGGING SETUP DEVICE**:

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- Optional Internal printer fitted into the instrument front cover (Option 602)
- External HP-IB printer (option 601)
- External RS-232-C printer (option 601)
- External Parallel Port printer (option 601)
- Disk Drive



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose LOGGING [ON] - enables the logging of results and alarms.
- 2 Choose LOGGING PERIOD - determines how regularly the results and alarms are logged.
USER PROGRAM provides a choice of 10 minutes to 99 hours.
- 3 Choose RESULT LOGGED - allows you to log all results to or choose only those results you require.
- 4 Choose WHEN - allows you to choose to only log when the error count for the logging period is greater than 0. If the error count is 0 then the message NO BIT ERRORS is displayed.
- 5 Choose CONTENT - allows you a choice of error results to be logged. Error Results, Analysis or Error and Analysis (ER & ANAL) and Period, Cumulative or Period and Cumulative (PER & CUMUL).
- 6 If LOG ERROR SECONDS [ON] is chosen a timed and dated message is logged each time an error second occurs (excessive occurrences of error seconds during the logging period will result in heavy use of

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printer paper).

7 Choose the logging DEVICE.

If RS232 is chosen, see "Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer " page 119.

If HPIB is chosen, see "Logging Results to HP-IB Printer " page 117.

If PARALLEL is chosen, see "Logging Results to Parallel (Centronics) Printer " page 116.

If DISK is chosen, see "Saving Data Logging to Disk" page 142.

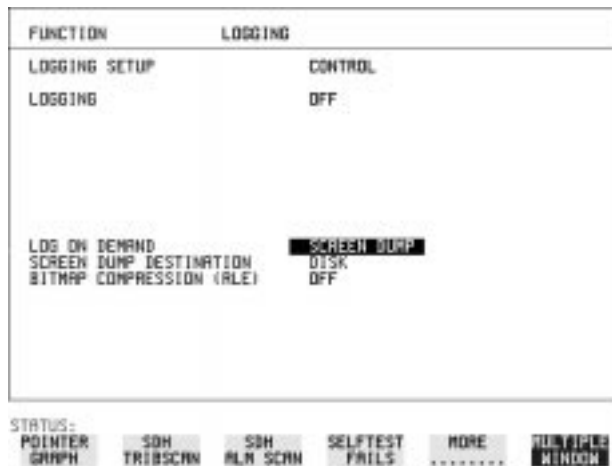
If Option 602, Internal Printer, is fitted and INTERNAL is chosen, see "Logging Results to Internal Printer " page 118.

Logging on Demand

Description

When **PRINT NOW** is pressed the chosen results are logged to the chosen logging device. The choice of results for logging is:

- RESULTS SNAPSHOT - last recorded measurement results
- OVERHEAD SNAPSHOT - last recorded overhead values of the chosen STS-3
- OVERHEAD CAPTURE - Overhead Capture display
- SCREEN DUMP - allows logging of the chosen display
- POINTER GRAPH - Pointer Graph display
- SONET TRIBUTARY SCAN - SONET Tributary Scan display
- SONET ALARM SCAN - SONET Alarm Scan display
- SELTEST FAILS - Last recorded selftest failures



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose LOG ON DEMAND to determine results to be logged when **PRINT NOW** is pressed.
SCREEN DUMP allows you to log the selected display when **PRINT NOW** is pressed. (Logging or Disk displays cannot be logged using this feature).
- 2 Choose the logging DEVICE.
If RS232 is chosen, see "Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer " page 119.
If HP-IB is chosen, see "Logging Results to HP-IB Printer " page 117.

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If PARALLEL is chosen, see "Logging Results to Parallel (Centronics) Printer " page 116.

If DISK is chosen, see "Saving Data Logging to Disk" page 142.

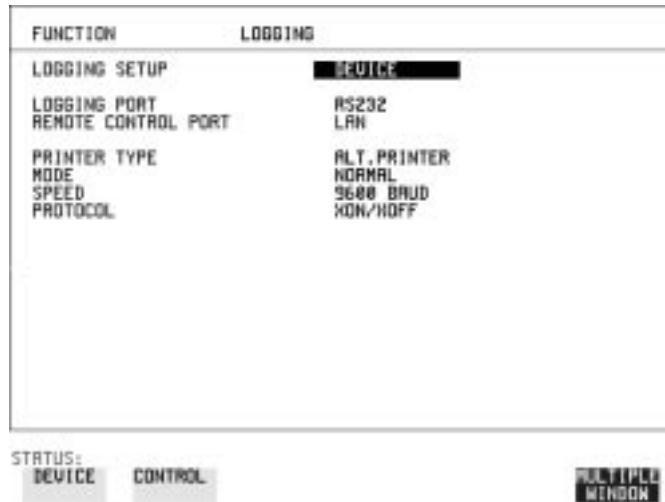
If Option 602, Internal Printer, is fitted and INTERNAL is chosen, see "Logging Results to Internal Printer " page 118.

Logging Jitter Tolerance Results

Description

The jitter auto tolerance feature provides jitter tolerance measurements within the relevant ITU-T mask, G.823 for DS_n, G.958, G.825 and G.253 for SONET.

You can log the jitter auto tolerance results to a printer for record keeping purposes. The **GRAPH** version or the **TEXT** version of the jitter tolerance results can be logged to an external printer.



HOW TO:

- 1 If logging to a Parallel Port (Centronics) printer, connect the printer to the PARALLEL port. See "Connecting an HP 850C DeskJet Printer to a Parallel Port " page 121.
- 2 If a non-HP printer is connected choose **ALT. PRINTER**.
- 3 Choose 80 character column width (**NORMAL**) or 40 character column width (**COMPRESS**) according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 4 If logging to an HP-IB printer, connect an HP-IB printer to the HPIB port. See "Logging Results to HP-IB Printer " page 117.
- 5 If logging to an RS-232-C printer, connect an RS-232-C printer to the RS232 port. See "Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer " page 119.
- 6 If a non HP printer is connected, choose **ALT. PRINTER**.

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- 7 Choose 80 character column width (**NORMAL**) or 40 character column width (**COMPRESS**) according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 8 Choose the same baud SPEED as chosen on your printer.
- 9 Choose the PROTOCOL required for the transfer of logging data.
- 10 Choose LOGGING **ON** on the LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** display.
- 11 Choose **GRAPH** on the **RESULTS** **AUTO TOLER** display if you wish to log the graph to the printer.
Choose **TEXT** and the PAGE number on the **RESULTS** **AUTO TOLER** display if you wish to log the text results to the printer.
- 12 Press **PRINT NOW** to log the chosen results to the printer.

Logging Jitter Transfer Results

Description

The jitter transfer feature provides jitter transfer measurements within the relevant ITU-T mask, G.823 for DS_n and G.958 for SONET.

You can log the jitter transfer results to a printer for record keeping purposes. The **GRAPH** version or the **TEXT** version of the jitter transfer results can be logged to an external printer.

FUNCTION	LOGGING
LOGGING SETUP	DEVICE
LOGGING PORT	RS232
REMOTE CONTROL PORT	LAN
PRINTER TYPE	ALT. PRINTER
MODE	NORMAL
SPEED	9600 BAUD
PROTOCOL	NON/HOFF

STATUS: **DEVICE** CONTROL **MULTIPLE WINDOW**

HOW TO:

- 1 If logging to a Parallel Port (Centronics) printer, connect the printer to the PARALLEL port. See "Connecting an HP 850C DeskJet Printer to a Parallel Port" page 121.
- 2 If a non-HP printer is connected, choose **ALT. PRINTER**.
- 3 Choose 80 character column width (**NORMAL**) or 40 character column width (**COMPRESS**) according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 4 If logging to an HP-IB printer, connect an HP-IB printer to the HPIB port. See "Logging Results to HP-IB Printer" page 117.
- 5 If logging to an RS-232-C printer, connect an RS-232-C printer to the RS232 port. See "Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer" page 119.
- 6 If a non HP printer is connected, choose **ALT. PRINTER**.
- 7 Choose 80 character column width (**NORMAL**) or 40 character column

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- width (**COMPRESS**) according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 8 Choose the same baud SPEED as chosen on your printer.
 - 9 Choose the PROTOCOL required for the transfer of logging data.
 - 10 Choose LOGGING **ON** on the LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** display.
 - 11 Choose **GRAPH** and SCALE **NARROW** or **WIDE** on the **RESULTS** **JITTER** **TN FUNCTION** display if you wish to log the graph to the printer.
Choose TEXT and the PAGE number on the **RESULTS** **JITTER** **TN FUNCTION** display if you wish to log the text results to the printer.
 - 12 Press **PRINT NOW** to log the chosen results to the printer.

Logging Results to Parallel (Centronics) Printer

Description

If Option 601, Remote Control Interface, is fitted, you can log the results and alarms to an external Parallel printer connected to the PARALLEL port. The Parallel port provides a standard IEEE 1284-A compatible interface.



CAUTION

Damage to the instrument may result if a serial connection is made to this port.

HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the Parallel printer to the PARALLEL port. See "Connecting an HP 850C DeskJet Printer to a Parallel Port " page 121.
- 2 If a non HP printer is connected choose ALT PRINTER. Choose **NORMAL** 80 character column width or **COMPRESS** 40 character column width according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 3 Choose LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** and set up the display as required. See "Logging Results " page 107 or "Logging on Demand " page 110.

Logging Results to HP-IB Printer

Description

If Option 601, Remote Control Interface, is fitted, you can log the results and alarms to an external HP-IB printer connected to the HP-IB port.



HOW TO:

- 1 Connect an HP-IB printer to the HP-IB port.

NOTE

Choosing HP-IB external printer for logging prevents the use of HP-IB remote control.

- 2 Choose the LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** and set up the display as required. See "Logging Results " page 107 or "Logging on Demand " page 110.

Logging Results to Internal Printer

Description

If Option 602, Internal Printer is fitted, you can log the results and alarms to the in-lid printer.

FUNCTION	LOGGING
LOGGING SETUP	DEVICE
LOGGING PORT	INTERNAL
REMOTE CONTROL PORT	HP1B

STATUS:

INTERNAL	RS232	HP1B	DISK	PARALLEL	MULTIPLE WINDOW
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HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** and set up the display as required. See "Logging Results " page 107.

Logging Results to RS-232-C Printer

Description

If Option 601, Remote Control Interface, is fitted, you can log the results and alarms to an external RS-232-C printer connected to the RS232 port.

FUNCTION	LOGGING
LOGGING SETUP	DEVICE
LOGGING PORT	RS232
REMOTE CONTROL PORT	LAN
PRINTER TYPE	ALT. PRINTER
MODE	NORMAL
SPEED	5000 BAUD
PROTOCOL	NON/NOFF

STATUS: RS232 HP18 DISK PARALLEL MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Connect an RS-232-C printer to the RS232 port.

NOTE

Choosing RS232 external printer for logging prevents the use of RS-232-C remote control.

- 2 If a non HP printer is connected choose ALT PRINTER.
Choose **NORMAL** 80 character column width or **COMPRESS** 40 character column width according to the capabilities of your printer.
- 3 Choose the LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** and set up the display as required. See "Logging Results " page 107 or "Logging on Demand " page 110.

Printing Results from Disk

Description

The results and alarms you logged to Disk can be printed by removing the Disk from the HP 37718A and inserting it into a personal computer (PC).

HOW TO:

Print from DOS Prompt

copy/b a:\<filename> <printer name>

HOW TO:

Print from Windows

- 1 Choose the required file from Filemanager.
- 2 Choose FILE - COPY FILE TO
<printer name>

Connecting an HP 850C DeskJet Printer to a Parallel Port

Description

If Remote Control Option, 601, is fitted, the HP 37718A has the capability of interfacing with an HP 850C DeskJet printer or, an alternative suppliers printer, via the PARALLEL port.

CAUTION

Do not connect a serial printer e.g. RS-232-C or HPIB to the HP 37718A Parallel port as this will damage the interface.

HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the HP 37718A Parallel port to the HP 850C DeskJet Parallel port using printer cable HP part number 24542D.

Changing Internal Printer Paper

Description

The printer accepts rolls of thermal paper with the following dimensions:

Width: 216 mm (8.5 in) or 210 mm (8.27 in) (A4)
tolerance +2.0 mm - 1.0 mm

Maximum Outside Diameter: 40 mm

Inside Core Diameter: Between 12.5 mm and 13.2 mm

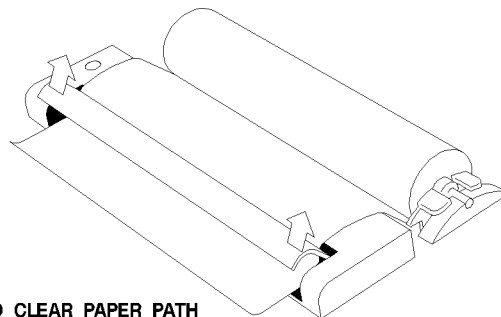
Suitable rolls of paper are available from Hewlett Packard, Part Number 9270-1360.

WARNING

The paper tear-off edge is SHARP. This edge is exposed when the printer cover is raised. Note the  CAUTION SHARP EDGE label on the cover.

HOW TO:

- 1 Raise the two locking tabs on the sides of the printer cover and then raise the cover.
- 2 Raise the printer mechanism front cover. This releases the paper drive. Remove any remaining paper from the front (in the normal direction of operation).



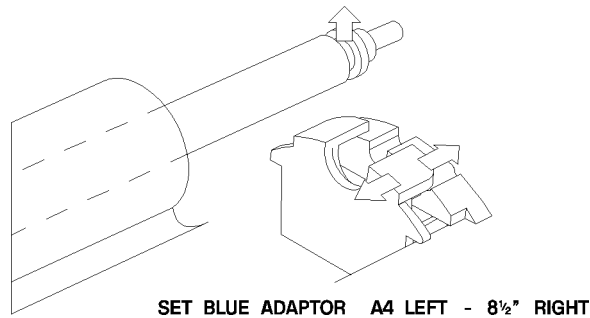
- 3 Lift out the spindle. Adjust the paper width adaptor to the width of the paper being used.

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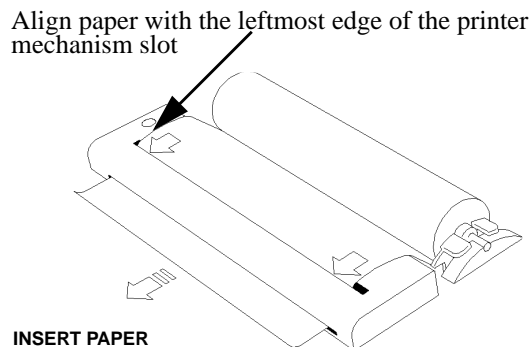
- Put the paper roll on the spindle such that the sensitive side will be on the underside of the print mechanism. Ensure that the relocation of the spindle locks the blue width adaptor in position.

NOTE

The paper must be installed such that when it is in the print mechanism, the sensitive side (slightly shiny) is the underside. The illustrations here show the correct fitting for HP 9270-1360 paper which has the sensitive side on the outside of the roll.



- Feed the paper into the upper entry of the print mechanism. When the front cover of the print mechanism is closed, the printer should automatically feed the paper through until there is approximately 2.5 cm (1 in) clear at the front of the print mechanism.

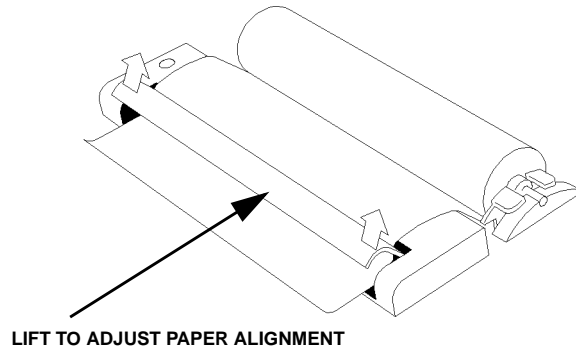


CAUTION

Do not close the outer cover until the automatic paper feed is complete.

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- 6 If the printer paper is incorrectly aligned, raise the printer mechanism front cover to releases the paper drive and realign the paper.



Cleaning Internal Printer Print Head

Description

The print head should be cleaned when broken or light characters occur in a vertical line on the page. To maintain a high quality print, clean the print head after 200 to 300 prints.

The print head is cleaned with a special cleaning paper which is supplied with the instrument.

WARNING

The paper tear-off edge is SHARP. This edge is exposed when the printer cover is raised. Note the  CAUTION SHARP EDGE label on the cover.

HOW TO:

- 1 Open the printer as for changing the paper. See "Changing Internal Printer Paper " page 122.
If printer paper is fitted, remove it from the printer.
- 2 Feed the cleaning paper into the top entry of the print mechanism with the rough black side, which contains the cleaning material, towards the rear of the printer.
- 3 When the automatic feed is complete and the paper stops moving use the instrument front panel key **PAPER FEED** to move the cleaning paper through the print mechanism.
- 4 Remove the cleaning paper and replace the normal printer paper. See "Changing Internal Printer Paper " page 122.

NOTE

Retain the cleaning paper. It is designed to last for the life of the printer.

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Cleaning Internal Printer Print Head

Using Instrument and Disk Storage

Storing Configurations in Instrument Store

Description

You can store measurement settings which are used regularly and recall them with a single operation.

One preset store is provided which cannot be overwritten, STORED SETTING NUMBER [0]. This store is used to set the instrument to a known state, the FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS.



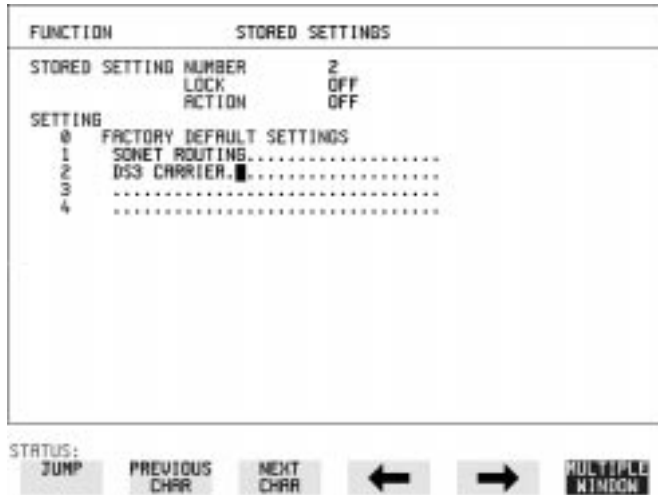
HOW TO:

- 1 Set the HP 37718A to the configuration you wish to store.
- 2 Choose the STORED SETTING NUMBER to receive the configuration.
- 3 Choose LOCK **OFF**.
- 4 Choose ACTION **SAVE** to store the configuration in the chosen store.
- 5 To add a descriptive title see "Titling Configuration in Instrument Store " page 129.

Titling Configuration in Instrument Store

Description

When storing configurations, you can give them an easily remembered title for identification at a later date.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the STORED SETTING NUMBER which contains the stored configuration.
- 2 Choose LOCK **OFF**.
- 3 Use **JUMP**; **NEXT CHAR**; **PREVIOUS CHAR**; **→** and **←** to title the settings.

Recalling Configurations from Instrument Store

Description

Having stored a configuration for future use, you must be able to recall that configuration in the future.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the STORED SETTING NUMBER which contains the stored configuration.
- 2 Choose ACTION **RECALL** to recall the stored configuration. The recall operation can be verified by checking the relevant display settings.

Formatting a Disk

Description

Only 1.44M, MS-DOS compatible disks can be used in the HP 37718A. Any other format or capacity will result in a disk access error being displayed.



NOTE

Disks can be formatted in an IBM compatible PC (1.44M, MS-DOS only) but it is recommended that the disk is formatted in the HP 37718A as this will ensure full compatibility with the Floppy Disk power fail recovery included in the HP 37718A.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **DISK FORMAT**.
- 2 Insert the Disk into the Disk drive.
- 3 Choose **OK** to Format the disk.
A warning that this operation will erase all data is displayed and asks “do you wish to continue”.
If YES is selected, all the data on the Disk will be erased and the disk will be formatted.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted. This allows you to view the data on the Disk and verify that it is no longer needed.

Labeling a Disk

Description

You can label your disks for ease of identification.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION LABEL	DISK LABEL MY DISK
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL: MY DISK	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:

OFF

OK

MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **DISK LABEL**.
- 2 Label the Disk using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad.
- 3 Choose **OK** to confirm the label is correct.
The label is displayed at the bottom of the display to confirm the operation has taken place.

Managing Files and Directories on Disk

Description

File and Directory structures can be important in speeding up the transfer of data between the instrument and the disk drive. It is recommended that you create a directory structure as an aid to efficient file management particularly when the disk is moved to a PC.

Creating a Directory on Disk

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK	
DISK OPERATION	FILE CREATE DIRECTORY	
NAME	SONET	
Select OK to perform operation	OFF	
A:\ LABEL:	FREE:	Bytes

STATUS:
OFF OK MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE CREATE DIRECTORY** on the **OTHER FLOPPY DISK** display.
- 2 Enter the directory name using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad. The directory name can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
- 3 To create the directory choose **OK**. This will create a sub directory of the directory displayed at the bottom of the display. In this example A:\SONET will be created.

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Accessing Directories and Files

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **SAVE**.
- 2 Choose FILE TYPE you wish to view.
This acts as a filter on the filename extension:
CONFIGURATION - .CNF filter, **GRAPHICS** - .SMG filter,
DATA LOGGING - .PRN filter, **SCREEN DUMP** - .BMP filter.
- 3 Move the highlighted cursor to the NAME field and press **SET**.

NOTE

- . <**DIR**> - Current Directory.
- .. <**DIR**> - Parent directory. Move highlighted cursor to this line and press **SET** to move to parent directory.

- 4 Move the highlighted cursor to
.. <**DIR**> and press **SET** to move to parent directory.
- 5 Move the highlighted cursor to the directory required and press **SET**
to move to that directory. (The directory name will appear on the
display).
Only the files with the file extension chosen in FILE TYPE will be
displayed.



- 6 Move the highlighted cursor up and down the display using **↑** and **↓**.

Renaming a File on Disk

Description

Files can be renamed as an aid to efficient file management.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE RENAME
FROM:NAME	FILENAME.CNF
TO: DIRECTORY NAME	A:\ FILENAME.CNF
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:
 OFF OK

MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE RENAME**.
- 2 Enter the FROM filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or
Choose the directory which contains the file to be renamed. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134. Move the highlighted cursor to the file to be renamed and press **SET** to return to the **FILE RENAME** display.
The filename, with extension, can contain up to 12 alphanumeric characters.
- 3 Choose the directory in which to locate the renamed file (it will appear on the display). See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 4 Enter the TO filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad.
The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
The file extension is fixed to the FROM filename extension.
- 5 To rename the file choose **OK**.
If you have entered a filename which already exists, a warning "File exists - are you sure" you wish to continue is displayed.
If YES is selected, the data in the file will be overwritten. If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.
This allows you the opportunity to verify before renaming.

Deleting a File on Disk

Description

Obsolete files can be deleted as an aid to efficient file management.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK	
DISK OPERATION	FILE DELETE DELETE FILE	
NAME	FILENAME.EXT	
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF	
A:\ LABEL:	FREE:	Bytes

STATUS:

OFF

OK

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE** **DELETE** **DELETE FILE**.
- 2 Choose the directory containing the file to be deleted. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 3 Enter the filename to be deleted using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET**, highlight the file to be deleted on the file manager display, and press **SET**.
The file name can contain up to 12 alphanumeric characters, including the filename extension.
- 4 To delete the file choose **OK**.
A warning "Are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the file is deleted.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.
This prevents accidental deletion of a wanted file.

Deleting a Directory on Disk

Description

Obsolete Directories should be deleted as an aid to efficient file management.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE DELETE DELETE DIRECTORY
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:
 OFF OK

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

NOTE

A directory cannot be deleted until all the files within the directory have been deleted. See "Deleting a File on Disk " page 137.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory you wish to delete (it will appear on the display). See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION FILE DELETE DELETE DIRECTORY .
- 3 To delete the directory choose OK .
A warning "Are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the directory is deleted.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.
This prevents accidental deletion of a wanted directory.
If the directory is not empty the messages "delete directory failed"
"directory is not empty" are displayed.
- 4 If files need to be deleted to prepare the directory for deletion. See "Deleting a File on Disk " page 137.

Adding Descriptors to Disk Files

Description

When storing configurations or graphics on disk, you can give them an easily remembered descriptor for identification at a later date.

Descriptors can be added to .CNF and .SMG files.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE PROPERTIES
DISPLAY OPTION	FILE DESCRIPTOR
FILE NAME	FILENAME.CNF
DESCRIPTOR
Press SET to select filename popup	
Select OK to perform operation	OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:

TIME & DATE

FILE DESC

MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory containing the file you wish to add the descriptor to. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE PROPERTIES** and DISPLAY OPTION **FILE DESCRIPTOR**.
- 2 Move the highlighted cursor to the FILE NAME DESCRIPTOR field. Enter the file descriptor using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET**, highlight the file required on the file manager display, and press **SET**.
- 3 Move the highlighted cursor to Select OK to perform operation and choose OK.
The File List will show the descriptor instead of the TIME and DATE information as long as FILE DESCRIPTOR is selected.

NOTE

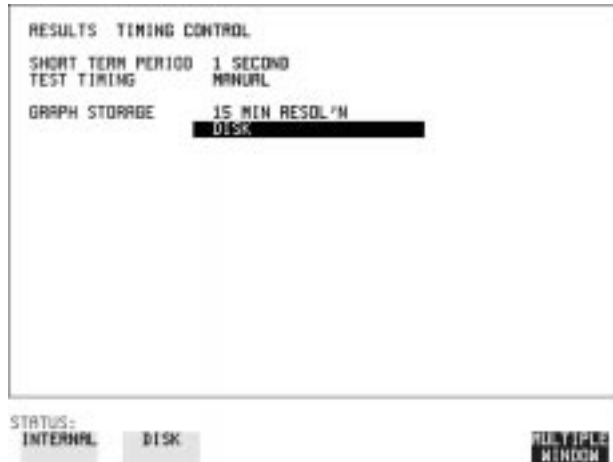
This slows down the updating of the display.

Saving Graphics Results to Disk

Description

Graphics results can be saved to a file on disk. Two methods of naming the file, which is created when the measurement is started, are available:

- Automatic** A filename in the form meas001 is created automatically without any action from you.
- Your Choice** You can input a filename of your choice which will override the automatically generated filename. This must be entered before the measurement is started. If the filename you enter already exists, graphics results will be saved to the automatically generated filename. This prevents existing files from being overwritten each time the measurement is started.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose GRAPH STORAGE **DISK** and the Graph Storage resolution required on the **RESULTS** display. See “Saving Graphics Results to Instrument Store” page 98.
If you wish to use the automatically generated filename no further action is required and the graphics results will be saved on Disk when the measurement is completed.

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Saving Graphics Results to Disk

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	SAVE
FILE TYPE NAME	GRAPHICS FILENAME.SMG
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:

CONFIG-
URATION

GRAPHICS

DATA
LOGGING

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

- 2 Choose the directory in which to save the graphics results. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 3 If you wish to enter your own choice of filename, choose DISK OPERATION **SAVE** FILE TYPE **GRAPHICS**.
- 4 Move the highlighted cursor to NAME and enter the filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad.
The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
The filename extension is fixed as .SMG.
The graphics results will be saved on Disk at the end of the measurement.

Saving Data Logging to Disk

Description

Data Logging can be saved to a file on disk. The disk can be transferred to a personal computer (PC) and the logging investigated at a later date.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK	
DISK OPERATION	SAVE	
FILE TYPE NAME	DATA LOGGING FILENAME.PRN APPEND TO FILE	
A:\ LABEL:	FREE:	Bytes

STATUS:

OVER-
WRITE

APPEND
TO FILE

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory in which to save the logging results. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION **SAVE** FILE TYPE **DATA LOGGING** and enter your choice of filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad. The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters. The filename extension is fixed as .PRN.
- 3 If you wish to add the data logging to a file which already exists, choose APPEND TO FILE. The data logging is added to the named file on Disk in the available free space.
If you wish to overwrite the contents of the named file with the data logging, choose OVERWRITE.
- 4 Set up the **OTHER** **LOGGING** display. See "Logging Results" page 107.
When the named file is opened, data logging is saved on the disk:
 - As each logging output occurs during the measurement or
 - **PRINT NOW** is pressed.

Saving Configurations to Disk

Description

You can store a large number of measurement settings which are used regularly and recall them when required.

Configurations can be stored to a file on the floppy disk. The floppy disk can be used in other instruments which have the same option structure.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	SAVE
FILE TYPE NAME	CONFIGURATION SIGNAL.CNF
Select OK to perform operation	OFF
A:\ LABEL: no label FREE: 1148928 Bytes	

STATUS: CONFIG- GRAPHICS DATA SCREEN MULTIPLE
 URATION LOGGING DUMP WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Set the HP 37718A to the configuration you wish to store.
- 1 Choose the directory in which you wish to save the HP 37718A configuration. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION **SAVE**, FILE TYPE **CONFIGURATION** and enter the filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad.
The filename extension is fixed as .CNF.
The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
- 3 Choose **OK** to save the current configuration to disk.
If you have entered a filename which already exists, a warning "File exists - are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the configuration will be saved.
To cancel, change OK to OFF and enter new filename. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.

Recalling Configuration from Disk

Description

If a configuration has been stored on disk, you will need to recall it at some time in the future to configure the instrument.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK	
DISK OPERATION	RECALL	
FILE TYPE NAME	CONFIGURATION FILENAME.CNF	
Select OK to perform operation	OFF	
A:\ LABEL:	FREE:	Bytes

STATUS:
CONFIG-
URATION

GRAPHICS

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory that contains the configuration file to be recalled. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION **RECALL** FILE TYPE **CONFIGURATION** and enter your choice of filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←**.
The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
The filename extension is fixed as .CNF.
- 3 To recall the configuration from disk to instrument, choose **OK**.
The recall operation can be verified by checking the relevant display settings.

Recalling Graphics Results from Disk

Description

If graphic results have been stored on disk, you will need to recall them in able to view the results on the **GRAPH** display.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	RECALL
FILE TYPE NAME	GRAPHICS FILENAME.SMG
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:

OFF

OK

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory that contains the graphics file to be recalled. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION **RECALL** FILE TYPE **GRAPHICS** and enter your choice of filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←**
The filename can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
The filename extension is fixed as .SMG.
- 3 To recall the graphics results from disk to instrument, choose **OK**.
- 4 To view the graphics results, see "Recalling Stored Graph Results" page 99.

Copying Configuration from Instrument Store to Disk

Description

If you have a configuration stored in the instrument store that you wish to use on another instrument, you can copy it to disk. The configuration can then be downloaded from the disk in to another HP 37718A with the same options as the original instrument.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE COPY CONFIGURATION
FROM: 1 ATM27.....	
TO: NAME	FILENAME.CNF
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:
 OFF OK

MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory to receive the configuration file. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 1 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE COPY CONFIGURATION** and enter the Instrument Store number using **DECREASE DIGIT** and **INCREASE DIGIT** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad. The Stored Settings description appears alongside the store number. If required the description can be modified using **JUMP NEXT CHAR PREVIOUS CHAR** **← →** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad. The description can contain up to 24 alphanumeric characters.
- 2 Enter the chosen filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR NEXT CHAR** **← →** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad. The file name can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters. The filename extension is fixed as .CNF.

Copying Configuration from Instrument Store to Disk

- 3** To copy the configuration from instrument to Disk choose **OK**.
If you have entered a filename which already exists, a warning "File exists - are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the data on the Disk will be overwritten.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.

Copying Configuration from Disk to Instrument Store

Description

If you have a configuration stored in the instrument store that you wish to use on another instrument, you can copy it to Disk. The configuration can then be downloaded from the disk in another HP 37718A with the same options as the original instrument.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE COPY CONFIGURATION
TO:	4 ATMTTEST.....
FROM:	NAME FILENAME.CNF
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:
 OFF OK

MULTIPLE WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory containing the configuration file. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION **FILE COPY CONFIGURATION** and enter the Instrument Store number using **DECREASE DIGIT** and **INCREASE DIGIT** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad. Enter a description of the configuration using **PREVIOUS CHAR NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** and use the pop-up keypad. The description can contain up to 24 alphanumeric characters.
- 3 Enter the filename the configuration is to be copied from using **PREVIOUS CHAR NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET**, highlight the file to be copied on the file manager display and press **SET**. The file name can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters. The filename extension is fixed as .CNF.

Copying Configuration from Disk to Instrument Store

- 4 To copy the configuration from Disk to instrument, choose **OK**.
If you have entered a instrument store number which already contains a configuration, a warning "Are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the data in the instrument store will be overwritten.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.

Copying Graphics Results from Instrument Store to Disk

Description

You can copy Graphics Results from the instrument store to the Disk. This is useful under the following conditions:

- If you have graphics results stored in the instrument that you wish to prevent from being overwritten by a future measurement (only 10 store locations in the instrument)
- If you wish to retrieve the graphics results for viewing via a spreadsheet.

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	FILE COPY GRAPHICS
FROM: STORE	-9
TO: NAME FORMAT	FILENAME.SMG NORMAL
Select OK to perform operation	<input type="checkbox"/> OFF
A:\ LABEL:	FREE: Bytes

STATUS:
 OFF OK

MULTIPLE
WINDOW

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the directory to receive the graphics file. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 2 Choose DISK OPERATION FILE COPY GRAPHICS and enter the Instrument Store number using DECREASE DIGIT and INCREASE DIGIT or press SET and use the pop-up keypad.
- 3 Enter the filename the graphic results are to be copied to using PREVIOUS CHAR NEXT CHAR → ← or press SET twice and use the pop-up keypad.
The file name can contain up to 8 alphanumeric characters.
The filename extension is fixed as .SMG.

Copying Graphics Results from Instrument Store to Disk

- 4 If you wish to view the graphic results at a later date via a spreadsheet, choose FORMAT **CSV**. CSV is Comma Separated Variable.
If you wish to view the graphic results at a later date on an HP 37718A, choose FORMAT **NORMAL**.
- 5 To copy the configuration from instrument to Disk, choose **OK**.
If you have entered a filename which already exists, a warning "File exists - are you sure you wish to continue" is displayed.
If YES is selected, the data on the Disk will be overwritten.
If NO is selected, the operation is aborted.
This allows you the opportunity to view the data on the Disk and verify that it is no longer needed.

Using Instrument and Disk Storage

Copying Graphics Results from Instrument Store to Disk

Selecting and Using "Other" Features

Coupling Transmit and Receive Settings

Description

When generating and measuring at the same interface level, you can have the transmit and receive settings coupled together. Any settings change made on the transmit display will automatically occur on the receive display. Any settings change made on the receive display will automatically occur on the transmit display.

This function is available on the **OTHER** **SETTINGS CONTROL** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER **COUPLED**.

Setting Time & Date

Description

When making Bit error measurements and recording results you can have certain events timed chronologically, for example, Alarms; Error Seconds.

The capability to set the Time and Date is provided on the **OTHER** **TIME & DATE** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose CLOCK MODE **SETUP** and set the Time and Date using **↑**; **↓**; **←**; **→**; **INCREASE DIGIT** and **DECREASE DIGIT**.
- 2 Choose CLOCK MODE **RUN** to complete the setting of Time and Date.

Enabling Keyboard Lock

Description

You can protect the measurement settings from interference during a test.

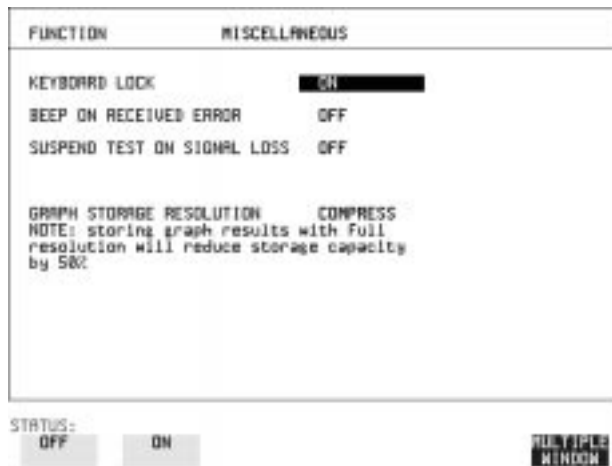
This function is provided in the HP 37718A on the **OTHER** **MISCELLANEOUS** display.

The following keys are not affected by Keyboard Lock:

- Display keys **TRANSMIT**; **RECEIVE**; **RESULTS**; **GRAPH**; **OTHER**
- cursor keys **←** **↑** **↓** and **→**
- **SHOW** **PAPER FEED** **LOCAL** **SMART TEST**

The following display functions are not affected by Keyboard Lock:

- RESULTS type on the **RESULTS** display
- KEYBOARD LOCK on the **OTHER** display



HOW TO:

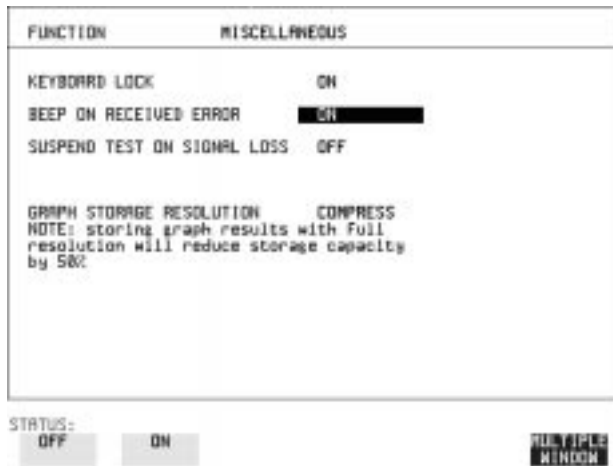
- 1 Choose KEYBOARD LOCK **ON**.

Enabling Beep on Received Error

Description

You can have an audible indication of an error which is particularly useful when the display on the test set is hidden from view.

This function is provided in the HP 37718A on the **OTHER** **MISCELLANEOUS** display.



HOW TO: 1 Choose BEEP ON RECEIVED ERROR **ON**.

Selecting and Using "Other" Features
Suspending Test on Signal Loss

Suspending Test on Signal Loss

When running a test, you can choose to suspend the test during periods of signal loss.

This function is available on the **OTHER** **MISCELLANEOUS** display.



HOW TO:

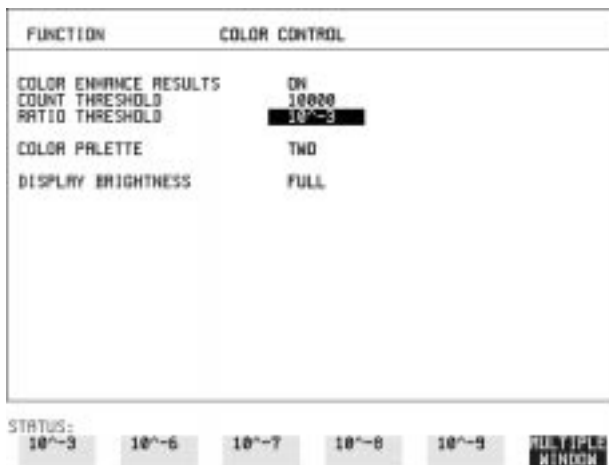
- 1 Choose SUSPEND TEST ON SIGNAL LOSS **ON**.

Setting Error Threshold Indication

Description

When making error measurements, you can have an indication of when an error count or error ratio threshold has been exceeded. You can set the HP 37718A to indicate this by a color change, from yellow to red, of the bar on the **GRAPH** display and the result on the **RESULTS** display. You can choose the thresholds at which the color change occurs. The Count and Ratio selections are independent.

This function is available on the **OTHER** **COLOR CONTROL** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose COLOR ENHANCE RESULTS **ON**.
- 2 Choose the COUNT THRESHOLD and RATIO THRESHOLD.

Setting Screen Brightness and Color

Description

The HP 37718A screen can be set to single or two color using the COLOR PALETTE selection on the **OTHER**, **COLOR CONTROL** display.

The screen brightness can be set to full or half brightness. The half brightness setting is used when the room brightness is such that half brightness is desirable and will also prolong the life of the screen.

If the brightness is set to FULL and there have been no key presses in the last hour, then the screen automatically dims to the half brightness level and the status message "Display set to half brightness" is shown. Any key press will return the screen to full brightness.

This function is available on the **OTHER** **COLOR CONTROL** display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the DISPLAY BRIGHTNESS to suit the operating environment.

Dumping Display to Disk

Description

The chosen display may be stored on disk in bitmap format using the Screen Dump feature of the HP37718A. Logging and Floppy Disk must be set up for screen dump. The current display is stored on disk when **PRINT NOW** is pressed.



HOW TO:

- 1 Choose LOGGING SETUP **DEVICE** and LOGGING PORT **DISK** on the **OTHER**, **LOGGING** display.
- 2 Choose LOGGING SETUP **CONTROL** LOG ON DEMAND **SCREEN DUMP** on the **OTHER**, **LOGGING** display.
- 3 If compression is required to save disk space, select BITMAP COMPRESSION (RLE) **ON**.

Selecting and Using "Other" Features

Dumping Display to Disk

FUNCTION	FLOPPY DISK
DISK OPERATION	SAVE
FILE TYPE	SCREEN DUMP
NAME	FILENAME.BMP
BMP DIR : R:\	
BMP FILE: SDUMP029.BMP	
R:\	
LABEL: no label	FREE: unknown Bytes

STATUS: STORED SETTINGS FLOPPY LOGGING MORE **PRINT NOW**

- 4 Choose the directory in which to save the Screen Dump. See "Accessing Directories and Files " page 134.
- 5 If you wish to enter your own choice of filename, choose DISK OPERATION **SAVE** FILE TYPE **SCREEN DUMP**.

NOTE

You have the option of an auto generated filename or entering your chosen filename.

The file name can have a maximum of 8 characters.

The file extension is fixed as .BMP.

The file name must satisfy DOS requirements, that is, there must be no spaces or other illegal characters.

- 6 Move the highlighted cursor to NAME and enter the filename using **PREVIOUS CHAR** **NEXT CHAR** **→** **←** or press **SET** twice and use the pop-up keypad.
- 7 Choose the display you want to store on disk and press **PRINT NOW**. After a few second the message "SAVING SCREEN DUMP . . . (XX% COMPLETE)" is displayed.

Running Self Test

Description

Before using the HP 37718A to make measurements, you can run Self Test ALL TESTS to ascertain the integrity of the HP 37718A. These tests take between at least 1 hour to complete depending on the options fitted.

Alternatively you can run Confidence Tests which only takes 2 to 3 minutes to complete. This is not a full verification but performs BER measurements with internal and external loopbacks fitted.



HOW TO:

Run ALL TESTS

- 1 Choose TEST TYPE **ALL TESTS** on the **OTHER SELF TEST** display.
- 2 Insert a formatted disk into the instrument disk drive.
- 3 Make the loopback connections listed below:
 - Connect Transmit module 75Ω OUT to Receive module 75Ω IN
 - Connect Transmit module 100/120Ω OUT to Receive module 100/120Ω IN
 - Connect Transmit module 75Ω MUX to Receive module 75Ω DEMUX
 - Connect Transmit module 100/120Ω MUX to Receive module 100/120Ω DEMUX
 - Connect Multirate Analyser IN to OUT
 - Connect Optical OUT to Optical IN via a 15 dB attenuator.

Running Self Test

NOTE

If any or all of these connections are not made the HP 37718A will FAIL Self Test.

- 4 Press **RUN/STOP** to activate the Self Test. TEST STATUS RUNNING will be displayed.

The information pertaining to TEST TYPE, TEST NUMBER and SUBTEST NUMBER will change as the Self Test progresses.

If the HP 37718A is functioning correctly, after a time of at least 1 hour, TEST STATUS PASSED is displayed.

If TEST STATUS [FAIL nnn] is displayed, the HP 37718A should be returned to a service office for repair.



HOW TO:

Run Confidence TESTS

- 1 Choose TEST TYPE **CONF. TESTS** on the **OTHER SELF TEST** display.
- 2 Insert a formatted disk into the instrument disk drive.
- 3 Make the loopback connections listed below:
Connect Transmit module 75Ω OUT to Receive module 75Ω IN
Connect Transmit module 100/120Ω OUT to Receive module 100/120Ω IN
Connect Transmit module 75Ω MUX to Receive module 75Ω DEMUX
Connect Transmit module 100/120Ω MUX to Receive module 100/120Ω DEMUX
Connect Multirate Analyser IN to OUT
Connect Optical OUT to Optical IN via a 15 dB attenuator.

Selecting and Using "Other" Features

Running Self Test

- 4 Press **RUN/STOP** to activate the Self Test. TEST STATUS RUNNING will be displayed.

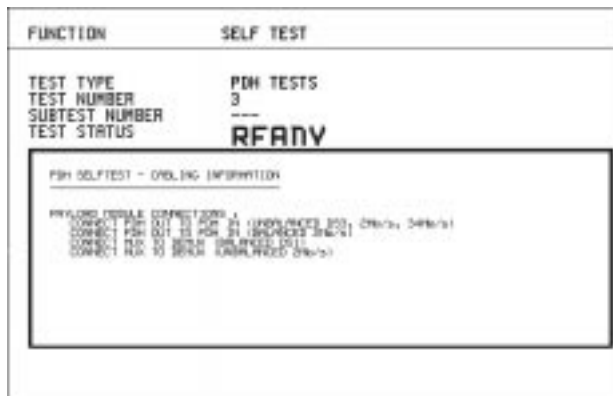
The information pertaining to TEST TYPE, TEST NUMBER and SUBTEST NUMBER will change as the Self Test progresses.

If the HP 37718A is functioning correctly, after a time of 2 to 3 minutes, TEST STATUS PASSED is displayed.

If TEST STATUS [FAIL nnn] is displayed, the HP 37718A should be returned to a service office for repair.

NOTE

Each individual self test requires unique loopback connections. To obtain a list of the connections required move the highlighted cursor to CABLING INFO and press **SET**. The Loopbacks list will appear on the display.



STATUS:

**MULTIPLE
WINDOW**

Selecting and Using "Other" Features
Running Self Test

Appendix A

STS-1 SPE Background Patterns

The following tables list the background patterns available when selecting specific foregrounds.

STS-1 SPE Background Patterns

Table 2 STS-1 SPE Background Patterns

Foreground	Background choice in Foreground TUG-3	Background choice in other AU-3
STS-1 SPE	-----	VT-1.5, VT-2 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).
VT-6	Pattern in other VT-6s is numbered. They contain the word 11NNNNNx, where NNNNN is the binary number of the TU.	VT-1.5, VT-2 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).
VT-2 (2 Mb/s) Unframed	VT-2 structure, unframed with 2E15-1, 2E9-1 PRBS or 1100 word pattern in all information bits.	VT-2, VT-1.5 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).
VT-2 (2 Mb/s) Framed	VT-2 structure, framed with 2E15-1, 2E9-1 PRBS, NUMBERED or 1100 word pattern. In Numbered mode, each timeslot contains the pattern 0NNNNNNX where NNNNNN is the binary number of the TU. The least significant digit (X) is alternated between 0 and 1 in successive frames.	VT-2, VT-1.5 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).
VT-1.5 (DS1) Unframed	VT-1.5 structure, D4 framed with 2E15-1, 2E9-1 PRBS or 1100 Word pattern in other TU-11s.	VT-2, VT-1.5 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).
VT-1.5 (DS1) Framed	VT-1.5 structure, DS1, D4 framed with 2E15-1, 2E9-1 PRBS, NUMBERED or 1100 word pattern in other TU-11s. In Numbered mode, each timeslot contains the pattern 1NNNNNN1 where NNNNNN is the binary number of the TU. Framing type will be the same as the foreground except when SLC96 is selected. In this case, D4 framing is inserted in the background	VT-2, VT-1.5 Mapping or SPE Word (8 bit user programmable word).

Appendix B

ETSI/ANSI Terminology

A table of ETSI terms with their ANSI equivalents.

ETSI/ANSI Terminology
ETSI/ANSI Conversion and Equivalent Terms

Table 3 **ETSI / ANSI Terminology , continued**

ETSI Term	ANSI Term
MS-RDI	Line FERF / RDI-L
Multiplexer Section Overhead	Line Overhead
Network Node Interface	Line Interface
OOF	SEF (severely errored frame defect)
Path AIS / AU-AIS	AIS-P
Path REI / HP REI	REI-P
Path FERF / HP RDI	RDI-P
Path IEC / AU-IEC	IEC-P
Path Overhead	Path Overhead
Regenerator	Repeater
Regenerator Section (RS)	Section
Regenerator Section Overhead	Section Overhead
Remote Alarm Indicator	RAI
RS-DCC	Section DCC (DCC-S)
Section Overhead (SOH)	Transport Overhead (TOH)
S-n.1 or S-n.2 short haul	Short Reach (SR)
SOH	TOH
STM-m	OC-n / STS-n (where $m = n \div 3$ for $m \geq 1$)
STM-0	STS-1
STM-1	OC3c / STS-3c
STM-4	OC-12 / STS-12
STM-16	OC-48 / STS-48
Tributary Unit (TU)	Virtual Tributary (VT)

Table 3 **ETSI / ANSI Terminology , continued**

ETSI Term	ANSI Term
TU	VT
TU-11	VT 1.5
TU-12	VT 2
TU-2	VT 6
TU-3	NONE
TU BIP	VT BIP (CV-V)
TU RDI / LP-RDI	RDI-V
TUG	VT Group
TUG2	VT Group (12 columns)
TUG3	VT Group (86 columns)
TU multiframe	VT superframe
TU PATH AIS	VT AIS (AIS-V)
VC	SPE
VC4	STS3C SPE
Virtual Container (VC)	Synchronous Payload Envelope (SPE)

NOTE: VC is an ETSI abbreviation for Virtual Container and an ETSI / ANSI abbreviation for (ATM) Virtual Channel. The context of VC must therefore be taken into account when converting between standards.

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